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INTRODUCTION.

For many years the subject of preparing a Reprint of the Proceedings of the Masonic Bodies of Vermont has been agitated. Few of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont prior to 1850 are to be found, and those in the possession of the Grand Secretary at this date (January 1st, 1878) are :—

I. The Constitutions.

1.	Printed at	Rutland, William Fay,	1805.	12 pp.
2.	" "	Brattleboro, John Holbrook,	1818.	36 pp.
3.	" "	Poultney, Smith & Shute,	1825.	36 pp.

II. Printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

1	1820.	Printed at Rutland, Wm Fay.	1820.	14 pp.
2	1824	" " Poultney, Smith & Shute,	1825.	24 pp.
3	1825.	" " Rutland, Wm. Fay,	1825.	8 pp.
4	1826.	" " Rutland, Wm. Fay,	1826.	8 pp.
5	1827.	" " Castleton, Ovid Miner,	1827.	12 pp.
6	1828.	" " Rutland, E. C. Purdy,	1828.	8 pp.
7	1829.	" " Rutland, E. C. Purdy,	1829.	8 pp.
8	1830.	" " Rutland, E. Mayham,	1830.	8 pp.
9	1834.	Unknown.		One sheet.

Besides the above are the written Records from 1804 to 1822 inclusive ; the rough minutes kept by Grand Secretaries, 1816 to 1831 ; many Letters, Petitions, Dispensations, Returns of subordinate Mark Lodges and Chapters the written records of Subordinate Mark Lodges and Chapters, and other information gained from the printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York, and General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In addition to this, much time has been spent in visiting the older members of the Order in this and other States, and the information thus collected has materially aided in the preparation of this work, as well as in the search after books of record and other valuable papers that will be of use when the history of Vermont Masonry shall be written.

The reader of the following pages will probably notice the variations from the present style of book-making ; but an effort has been made to "follow copy," and where the record or other original authority could be followed it has been done. Perhaps if it had been modernized it would have pleased the Companions better, but any effort of that kind would involve an amount of labor that would hardly be appreciated. In fact, the whole of this work has been prepared for the printer twice, and the original copy taken as the best. Where there has been any doubt as to the proper spelling of a name, the original paper containing the signature or record has been referred to when possible. Many of the Petitions, Dispensations, Charters and Letters referred to and printed in this work, are in the possession of the Grand Secretary.

The size of the work has compelled the omission of many Sermons, Addresses and Letters that would have interested the Companions. All these may yet be furnished in a History of Vermont Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont was organized at Rutland, the 24th day of December, 1804, by the officers of

Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No.— at Rutland. This Chapter was working under a Charter issued by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, (dated January 22, 1800,) to whom the General Grand Chapter of the six Northern States of America had confided the care of the Order in Vermont by Section 9 of Article II. of the Constitution.

"Section 9. Until there shall be a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter established within the State of Vermont, the Grand Chapter of the State of New York shall have the sole power and privilege of granting Warrants for the Institution of Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Master Masons throughout the said State."

(See page 21, Volume I. Proc. General Grand Chapter.)

Besides the Chapter at Rutland, there were three regular Lodges of Mark Master Masons: one at Bennington, working under a warrant granted by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, (see Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York, page 10) January 30, A. L. 5799, known as Temple Mark Masters Lodge, No. 13; and one at Poultney, known as Aurora Mark Masters Lodge, No 16; one at Middlebury working under a Dispensation granted by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York (see Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, page 34), July 21st, A. L. 5803, and by the same authority chartered February 8th, 1804, as Union Mark Masters Lodge, No. 22.

There had been, prior to 1799, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons working in Pawlet from the 9th day of March, A. D. 1797, without Charter or Dispensation; but having doubts about the legality of their existence as a Lodge they discontinued labor in 1799, until regularly organized under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, June 12th, A. D. 1805. (See Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, page 17).

COPY OF ORIGINAL CHARTER OF GREEN MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF RUTLAND, VT.

M. E. THOMAS FROTHINGHAM, ESQUIRE., Grand King

M. E. DE WITT CLINTON, ESQUIRE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. ROBERT G. WETMORE, Grand Scribe.

M. E. EZRA AMES, Deputy Grand High Priest.

WE, THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, in antient form assembled, according to the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE NORTHERN STATES OF AMERICA, viz.:

The Most Excellent DEWITT CLINTON, ESQUIRE, Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent EZRA AMES, ESQUIRE, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent THOMAS FROTHINGHAM, ESQUIRE, Grand King.

The Most Excellent ROBERT G. WETMORE, ESQUIRE, Grand Scribe.

Do, by these Presents, appoint, authorize and empower our Most Excellent Companion, Ezekiel Porter, to be High Priest; our Excellent Companion Ozias Fuller, to be King, and our Excellent Companion Jonathan Bell, to be Scribe of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be by virtue hereof formed, constituted and holden at Rutland, in the County of Rutland, and State of Vermont, which shall be distinguished by the name, stile or title, of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. . And the said High Priest, King, and Scribe, and their successors in office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the assistance, and consent of a majority of the said Green Mountain Chapter, duly to be notified and present

upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said Green Mountain Chapter, as vacancies may happen, in manner and form as is or may be prescribed by the Constitutions of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the Regulations of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

And further, the said Ezekiel Porter, High Priest, as aforesaid, is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, and to advance Master Masons to the several degrees of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and exalt Most Excellent Master Masons to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, and to admit members. And also to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the ART as have been and ought to be done, for the honour and advantage thereof; conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution of the said General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Regulations of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and paying their annual dues regularly and punctually; otherwise this Warrant and the power thereby granted to cease, and be of no further effect.

Given under our Hands, and the Seal of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in the City of Albany, in North America, this twenty-second day of Jan'y in the year of the Christian Æra, One Thousand Eight Hundred, and in the year of Masonry, Five Thousand Eight Hundred.

G. Bogart, Grand Secretary.

[L. S.] Registered in the Book of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Vol. 1, Page .

COPY OF ORIGINAL CHARTER OF UNION MARK LODGE OF MIDDLEBURY, VT.

DANIEL HALE, JUNIOR, Grand King. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest.

EPHRAIM ALLEN, Grand Scribe. ZEBULON R. SHEPPARD, Deputy Grand High Priest.

We, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, in antient form assembled, according to the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of the Northern States of America, viz.:

The Most Excellent EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent ZEBULON R. SHEPPARD, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent DANIEL HALE, JUNIOR, Grand King.

The Most Excellent EPHRAIM ALLEN, Grand Scribe.

Do, by these Presents appoint, authorize and empower our Worthy Brother, John Chipman, to be the Master, our Worthy Brother, Samuel Miller, to be the Senior Warden, and our Worthy Brother, Darius Matthews to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be by virtue hereof formed, constituted and holden at Middlebury, in the County of Addison, and State of Vermont, which shall be distinguished by the name, stile, or title of UNION MARK MASTERS LODGE, No. 22. And the said John Chipman, Samuel Miller and Darius Matthews, and their successors in office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and consent of a majority of the said M. M. Lodge duly to be notified

and present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said M. M. Lodge as vacancies may happen, in manner and form as is or may be prescribed by the Constitutions of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the Regulations of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

And further, the said M. M. Lodge is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, and to advance Master Masons to the degree of Mark Master Masons, and to admit members. And also to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the ART as have been and ought to be done, for the honour and advantage thereof, conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution of the said General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Regulations of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and paying their annual dues regularly and punctually: otherwise this Warrant and the power thereby granted, to cease, and be of no further effect.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in the city of Albany in North America, this eighth day of Feb'y, in the year of the Christian Æra One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four, and in the year of Masonry, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Four.

JOHN SCOVILLE, Grand Secretary.

[L. S.] Registered in the book of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Vol. 1, page 66.

The Grand Secretary cannot let this opportunity pass without acknowledging the many favors received from the Companions who have sympathized with him ; and particularly does he wish to record here his grateful acknowledgements to Past Grand Secretary John B. Hollenbeck, the faithful custodian of the many Masonic documents that so materially aided this work. Thanks are due Companions throughout the State for courtesies and aid in this work.

The Free Press Association, of Burlington, Vermont, the printers of the book, by their gentlemanly Manager, Ezra F. Elliot, and the Assistant Manager, George H. L'Heureux, have extended many favors, and contributed much time and attention to furnish the Grand Chapter of Vermont so satisfactory a specimen of typographical art.

W. H. S. WHITCOMB, Grand Secretary.

Burlington, Vermont, 1878.

RECORDS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF VERMONT.

On the 20th day of December, Anno Lucis 5804, at Rutland in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, the *three* Senior Officers of Green Mountain Chapter (established at Rutland aforesaid, by virtue of a Charter from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York), (to wit) The most excellent Ozias Fuller, High Priest, Excellent Benjamin Lord, King, Excellent Jonathan Wells, Scribe, deeming it expedient to establish a Grand Chapter within and for the State of Vermont, Agreeably to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the six Northern States of America; Assembled for that purpose. The following Companions, Members of Green Mountain Chapter, were present, (viz,) Ezekiel Porter, Cephas Smith, junr., John Cook, Thomas Miller, Nichols Goddard, William Fox, Ebenezer Towner, and Asa Graves.

The three first mentioned Companions, proceeded (by ballot) to make choice of Officers of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the following Companions were duly elected to the several Offices affixed to their names respectively (to wit):

Most Excellent JONATHAN WELLS, Grand High Priest.
Most Excellent OZIAS FULLER, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Most Excellent BENJAMIN LORD, Grand King.
Most Excellent EZEKIEL PORTER, Grand Scribe.
Worshipful CEPHAS SMITH, junr., Grand Secretary.
Worshipful JOHN COOK, Grand Treasurer.

Rev. Ebenezer Hebard, Grand Chaplain.
Thomas Miller, Grand Marshal.
Nichols Goddard, Grand Visitor.

The Grand Chapter Opened in due & ancient form.

Companions Cephas Smith, junr., Jno. Cook and Benjamin Lord were appointed a committee to prepare and report to the G. Chapter such regulations as may be necessary for the due government thereof.

The G. Chapter adjourned to the first Tuesday of January, A. L. 5805.

Cephas Smith, junr., G. Secty.

Masons Hall, Jany. 1st, 5805.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened, agreeably to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. Jonathan Wells, G. H. P.
M. E. Ozias Fuller, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Benjamin Lord, G. K.
M. E. Ezekiel Porter, G. S.
W. Cephas Smith, jr., G. Secty.
W. Jno. Cook, G. Treas.
Thomas Miller, G. Marshal.
Nichols Goddard, G. Visitor.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

Asa Graves, Reuben Washburn, Wm. Fox,
Ebenezer Towner, James Porter.

The G. Chapter opened in due & Ancient form, and the officers elect were severally Installed in their Respective Offices.

The Committee who were appointed to prepare regulations for this G. Chapter, reported the following (to wit):

REGULATIONS.

OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

This State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, duly organized, agreeably to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the six Northern States of America, do ordain and establish the following Regulations for the government thereof, and for the government of any Chapter or Lodge, which are or hereafter may be, under the jurisdiction of the same :

ARTICLE I.

That this State Grand Chapter shall hereafter meet on the first Tuesday of January, annually, in Rutland, at which time the Grand Officers shall be elected & installed.

ARTICLE II.

That any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or any Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in this State, which has been duly constituted by virtue of a warrant heretofore Granted by the State Grand Chapter of the State of New York, shall, hereafter, be under the Jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter ; and shall be entitled, on application, to a warrant or Charter (as the case may require) from this State Grand Chapter, confirming their respective rights and privileges.

ARTICLE III.

That each Chapter, or Lodge, under this Jurisdiction, shall at the annual communication of this State Grand Chapter, make a return of all the members who may have been exalted, advanced, or admitted, and in case of neglect their warrant may be recalled.

ARTICLE IV.

That each Chapter, under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the Treasury of this State Grand Chapter at their annual communication,

for the benefit thereof, the following sums (to wit): For each Candidate that shall be exalted, two dollars; and for each member fifty cents, annually.

ARTICLE V.

That each Mark Masters' Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the Treasury of this State Grand Chapter, for the benifit thereof, the following sums, to wit: For each candidate that shall be advanced, fifty cents, and for each member, twenty-five cents, annually.

ARTICLE VI.

That this State Grand Chapter shall, in each day of their sitting, be open on the Mark Degree, one hour, and longer if necessary; during which time the Masters and Wardens of the several Mark Master's Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, shall be entitled to a seat in said Lodge, and a voice and vote on all subjects relative to that degree. But the resolves of said Lodge cannot be carried into effect unless approved by this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VII.

That in each day of the sitting of this State Grand Chapter, the Royal Arch and Mark Master's Lectures shall be given for the benefit of the members.

ARTICLE VIII.

That no Candidate residing in, or near a city, or town, where a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or Lodge of Mark Master Masons, is holden, under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted, or advanced, in any Chapter, or Lodge, in any other place, without a recommendation from the Chapter or Lodge nearest the place where the said candidate may reside.

ARTICLE IX.

No candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter or Lodge under this Jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any other Chapter or Lodge, other than the one to which his application was first made; and it shall be the duty of every Chapter or Lodge under this Jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to the several Chapters, and Lodges under this jurisdiction, as well as to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE X.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of, or visitor in, any Chapter, under this Jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE XI.

That the officers of every Chapter, and Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall be annually chosen, by ballot, at their respective communications, next before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and Installed into their respective Offices at the same, or their next regular communication.

ARTICLE XII.

No person shall be permitted to take a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy for more than one Chapter, or Lodge.

ARTICLE XIII.

That each Chapter, and Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to all communications made to this State Grand Chapter; and to all credentials, which may be given, by such Chapter, or Lodge, to any member thereof: a description of which seal, and the device engraved thereon, shall be transmitted to, and recorded by, the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE XIV.

That this State Grand Chapter shall have jurisdiction of settling all matters of controversy which may arise, either between Chapters, Lodges, or members, or either and every of them under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XV.

That there shall be a Grand Visitor appointed whose duty it shall be to receive instructions from the General and State Grand Officers, and to visit such Chapters, and Lodges, under this jurisdiction, as may require his attendance, and give them information in the Masonic Lectures, and the proper mode of working in the several degrees. Provided, the Chapter, or Lodge, so requiring his attendance, shall defray the expense thereof.

ARTICLE XVI.

The foregoing regulations shall not be altered, amended, or revised, except at an annual meeting of this State Grand Chapter; nor in that case unless three-fourths of the members of the same shall, by ballot, give their assent to such alteration, amendment, or revision.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I.

Every member of this State Grand Chapter before he can be permitted to take a seat as a representative of a secular Chapter, or Lodge, must produce credentials of his appointment, from the Chapter, or Lodge which he represents.

ARTICLE II.

Every member of this State Grand Chapter must appear at the communication suitably clothed, with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE III.

No member shall speak more than twice on one subject, without permission from the presiding officer for the time being.

ARTICLE IV.

All motions, made in this Grand Chapter, shall be presented in writing, to the presiding officers.

ARTICLE V.

No person shall be admitted, as a visitor, in this Grand Chapter, except by the unanimous consent of the members present.

On motion, Voted, unanimously to accept the report of the committee by adopting the foregoing Regulations.

Voted, That Companion Cephas Smith, junr., be appointed a Committee to procure two hundred copies of the aforesaid Regulations to be printed.

Resolved: That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the regulations established by this State Grand Chapter to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the six Northern States of America, and a copy to each of the other five State Grand Chapters, under their jurisdiction, and also to each Royal Arch Chapter, and Mark Masters'. Lodge within this State.

Resolved: That the Grand Secretary transmit, annually, to the several Grand Chapters aforesaid, a list of all the officers, of this Grand Chapter, and also a Copy of all such regulations, and proceedings of this Grand Chapter, as may from time to time be needful and proper for their information, and solicit in return from them, like communications.

The Grand Chapter proceeded by ballot to make choice of their Officers for the ensuing year, & the following companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively (to wit):

Most Excellent Cephas Smith, jr., G. H. P.
Most Excellent Saml. Hitchcock, D. G. H. P.
Most Excellent Danl. Chipman, G. K.
Most Excellent William Fox, G. S.
Worshipful Nichols Goddard, G. Secty.
Worshipful Reuben Washburn, G. Treasr.
Reverend Ebenezer Hebard, G. Chaplain.

Thomas Miller, G. Marshal.
Nichols Goddard, G. Visitor.
Ebenezer Towner, G. Centinel.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until the first Monday in February next.

Nichols Goddard, G. Secty.

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Masons Hall, Feb. 3rd, A. L. 5805.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to adjournment. There not being a competent number of Companions present, the Chapter was adjourned by order of the Grand High Priest, until the 12th day of inst. February.

Nichols Goddard, G. Secty.

February 12, A. L. 5805.

There not being a competent number of Companions present, the Grand Chapter was by order of the Grand High Priest adjourned until the 5th day of June next.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.

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RUTLAND, June 5th, A. L. 5805.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Brother Samuel Gordon's, agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. WILLIAM FOX, D. G. H. P. *pro tem.*
M. E. THOMAS MILLER, G. K. *pro tem.*
M. E. WILLIAM FOX, G. S.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.
W. REUBEN WASHBURN, G. Treasr.
THOMAS MILLER, G. Marshal.
NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Visitor.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Centl. *pro tem.*

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Wells, Benjamin Lord, Ezekiel Porter.

VISITORS.

Alexander Miller, Asa Graves, Simeon Lester.

The Grand Chapter opened in due and ancient form.

The following Companions, Officers elect, were installed into their respective offices (to wit): M. E. Cephas Smith, junr., M. E. William Fox, W. Nichols Goddard, W. Reuben Washburn and Thomas Miller.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter the following petition from a number of Mark Master Masons, residing in and near the town of Pawlet (viz):

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont :

We, your petitioners, the undersigned Brothers in Masonry, having received the degree of Master Mark, and resident in the vicinity of Hiram Lodge, with becoming deference beg leave to show, That, at a convention of Master Mark Masons, holden at the house of Brother William Cooley in Rupert, on the 9th day of March, A. L. 5797, a resolution was taken to form themselves into a regular Mark Lodge ; that officers were chosen and duly installed, and the Lodge organized (as they supposed) agreeably to the ancient usages of Masonry, and from that time continued to work, and to admit candidates as such, until A. L. 5799, about which time there having arisen some doubts in the minds of several of the Brethren in the State, with regard to the legality of the proceeding and whether the Lodge had been duly organized, the same was discontinued and finally dissolved. Since which time your petitioners, living at a distance from any regular Mark Lodge in this State, & finding it inconvenient, and often impracticable to attend at the distance of Rutland, have considered themselves, in some measure deprived of the honors and privileges of that Illustrious Order.

Wherefore, your Petitioners, holding themselves true to the interest of Masonry, and anxious to participate therein, would humbly pray your Most Excellent Grand Chapter, to consider the subject of this petition and if consistent to grant them a warrant for the organization of a Mark Lodge to be established at Pawlet, with the powers, privileges and immunities thereto annexed. That your petitioners conscious of the rectitude of their intentions, and confident of the reasonableness of their request, have thought proper to name our Worthy Brother John Sargeant, Worshipful Master, Zadock Huggins, Senior, and Andrew Henery, Junior Wardens, in whose honor, integrity, and Masonic deportment, from long and ample experience, we place full confidence.

Dated Pawlet, 18th May, A. L. 5805.

SIGNED.

Isaac Farewell,
William Cooley,
Alexander Donalds,
Jonathan Blackmer,
Joseph Bradford,
Samuel Culver,
Eliphalet Farewell,
John Shumway,
Isaac Underhill,
Nathan Weller,
William Potter.

Resolved, That the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true, and that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that they be furnished with a warrant of constitution, forming them into a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on the 12th day of June, inst.

The Grand Secretary laid before the G. Chapter the following petition, from the officers and members of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, holden at Rutland, to wit:—

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, of the State Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Vermont:

The Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, at Rutland, Vermont, holding a Charter in due manner from the State Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, respectfully represent, that, in consequence of a communication to them made by the State Grand Chapter of Vermont, dated the 21st day of December, 5804, that a State Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Vermont, had been duly organized and established, request that a charter may be granted them, continuing and confirming them in their former rights and privileges, under the name and title of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, agreeably to the provisions in the constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the six Northern States of America.

Rutland, January 8th, A. L. 5805.

SIGNED.

Ozias Fuller, H. P.
Benjamin Lord, K.
Jonathan Wells, S.
Ezekiel Porter, P. H. P.
Cephas Smith, Jr., P. H. P. and Treas.
Reuben Washburn, Secty.
Nichols Goddard, C. H.
James Porter. R. A. C.
Aza Graves.

Resolved, That the prayer of the foregoing petition be granted, and that they be furnished with a Charter continuing and confirming them in their former rights and privileges.

The Grand Chapter closed until the next stated communication.

Nichols Goddard, G. Secty.

On the 12th day of June, A. L. 5805, the petitioners for Hiram Union Mark Master's Lodge, together with their associates, assembled at Pawlet, and were formed into a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and their officers duly installed into their respective offices, by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Centinel, and several other Companions, members of the Grand Chapter.

Received of Hiram M. M. Lodge, as fees for their Charter, ten dollars.

N. Goddard, G. Secty.

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The following petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons, residing in and near the town of St. Albans, in the County of Franklin, was received by the Grand High Priest, during the recess of the Grand Chapter: viz.—

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King and Scribe; Officers and Companions of the State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petition of the subscribers, Royal Arch Masons, inhabitants of the County of Franklin, humbly showeth: that their local situation is more than fifty miles distant from any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which renders it very inconvenient for the Companions in this part of the State to attend.—Your petitioners therefore pray, that a Dispensation may be granted, establishing a Chapter at St. Albans, in the County of Franklin, to be known and designated by the name of "Champlain Chapter," and that Companion Seth Pomeroy be High Priest, Companion Carter Hickok King, and Companion Asaph Chandler Scribe, and should the prayer of our petition be granted, we most sincerely promise that we will strictly obey all the edicts and ordinances and regulations of the State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, and unitedly endeavor to spread the cement of Brotherly love among the Companions and Brethren, throughout the Globe; as your petitioners in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at St. Albans, in the County of Franklin, July 16th, A. L. 5805.

Seth Pomeroy,
Carter Hickok,
Asaph Chandler,
Simeon Lester,
Benj. Chandler,
Reuben Everts,
Abel Allis,
Solomon Bingham, Jr.,
Zerah Willoby,

Certificate on the back of the foregoing petition.

MASONS' HALL, RUTLAND, 10th of Sept., A. L. 5805.

Green Mountain Chapter opened in due form.
The within petition being read.
On motion,

Voted, That the facts therein stated are true, and recommend that the State Grand Chapter grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Attest, REUBEN WASHBURN, Secty.

In answer to the foregoing petition the Grand Secretary transmitted the following Dispensation, from the Grand High Priest, to the persons therein named.

Received of Champlain Chapter Forty Dollars as fees for their Dispensation.

To our Worthy Companions, Seth Pomeroy, Carter Hickok, Asaph Chandler, Simeon Lester, Benjamin Chandler, Reuben Everts, Abel Allis, Solomon Bingham, junior, & Zerah Willoby, of our County of Franklin, Greeting.

Pursuant to your petition to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, with the approbation and consent of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, under that jurisdiction, in virtue of the power and authority in me vested, as Grand High Priest of the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, We, Do, by these presents appoint, authorize and empower our Most Excellent Companion Seth Pomeroy to be High Priest, our Excellent Companion Carter Hickok, King, and our Excellent Companion Asaph Chandler to be Scribe, of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be by virtue hereof formed, constituted, and holden at St. Albans, in the County of Franklin, and State of Vermont, which shall be distinguished by the name, style and title of CHAMPLAIN CHAPTER, No. 2. And the said High Priest, King and Scribe are hereby authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and consent of a majority of the said Champlain Chapter, duly to be notified and present on such occasions, to elect officers, to fill all vacancies which may happen in said Chapter; and also to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, and to advance Master Masons to the several degrees of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, and to exalt Most

Excellent Masters to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons, and to admit Members, and also to do and perform all, & every such acts and things, appertaining to the Art, as have been & ought to be done, for the honor and advantage thereof; Conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, and the regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

The powers herein above granted to continue in force until the next annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, which will be holden at Rutland, on the first Tuesday of January next and no longer.

[L. S.] Given under my hand and Seal at Rutland this twenty-third day of September, Anno Lucis 5805.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., Grand High Priest.

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MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, Jany 7th A. L. 5806.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont Convened.

PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. JONATHAN WELLS, D. G. H. P. *pro tem.*
M. E. BENJAMIN LORD, G. K. *pro tem.*
M. E. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. S. *pro tem.*
W. REUBEN WASHBURN, G. Secty. *P. T.*
W. TIMOTHY HARRIS, G. Treasr. *P. T.*
ASA GRAVES, G. Marshal, *P. T.*
WILLIAM STORER, G. Centinel, *P. T.*
EZEKIEL PORTER.

Opened on the 4th or M. Ms. Degree the usual time for the benefit of Mark Masters.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter opened in due form.

Agreeably to the Bye Laws, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of their Officers for the year ensuing, and

the following Companions were Elected to the several offices affixed to their names (viz) :

Most Excellent Cephas Smith, junr., G. H. P.
Most Excellent Thomas Miller, D. G. H. P.
Most Excellent Nichols Goddard, G. K.
Most Excellent Randall Rice, G. S.
Worshipful Reuben Washburn, G. Secty.
Worshipful Alexander Miller, G. Treasr.
Reverend Ebenezer Hebard, G. Chaplain.
Ebenezer Towner, G. Marshal.
Ozias Fuller, G. Visitor.
Asa Graves, G. Centinel.

Companion Asa Graves produced credentials of his appointment as Proxy for the *King* of Green Mountain Chapter & to act in that capacity on any business which may come before the G. Chapter. He was therefore admitted to a seat & the privileges of a member for the time being.

Companion Cephas Smith, junr., presented an account, for Compiling Regulations for this Grand Chapter, furnishing a Copy for the Press & procuring the same to be printed, Amounting to Twelve dollars.

Companion Nichols Goddard presented an account for furnishing a Seal & sundry other Articles for the use of this Grand Chapter amounting to Fifteen dollars & thirty-nine cents.

Voted—That the foregoing accounts be allowed, & that orders be drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

Voted—That the sum of seventy-five cents be paid from the Treasury to Companions Wells & Washburn for refreshment provided for this G. Chapter.

Letter of dispensation to the Companions residing in & near St. Albans to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at St. Albans, continued by order of the Grand High Priest until the 29th day of inst January.

The Representative from Green Mountain Chapter at Rutland laid before the G. Chapter a return of fees due to the G. Chapter for the year ending this day, amounting to Twenty seven dollars & fifty cents.

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MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, Jany. 29th, 5806.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. THOMAS MILLER, D. G. H. P.
M. E. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. K.
W. JAMES PORTER, G. Secty. *pro tem.*,
W. ALEXANDER MILLER, G. Treasr.
Rev. EBENEZER HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
EBENEZER TOWNER, G. Marshal.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Vist.

MEMBERS.

Ezekiel Porter, Jonathan Wells. Benjamin Lord.

VISITORS,

William Storer, Timothy Harris, Salem Town.

The Grand Chapter opened; & an address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain.

The following Companions, Officers elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices viz.:

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. THOMAS MILLER, D. G. H. P.
M. E. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. K.
Worshipful ALEXANDER MILLER, G. Treasr.

Companion Ozias Fuller who had been previously appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, to act as Proxy for him in the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Six Northern States of America, at their Septennial meeting at Middletown (Connecticut), Jany. 9th, 5806, laid before this Grand Chapter the following extract from the records of the General Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be recorded (viz):

"MIDDLETOWN (CONNECTICUT), Jany 9th, 1806.

The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter held their Septennial meeting, agreeable to the Constitution.

PRESENT.

Representatives from the respective Grand Chapters of the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and Vermont.

A communication was presented by Companion Ozias Fuller, from Rutland, in the State of Vermont, signed Nichols Goddard, Grand Secretary, informing this General Grand Chapter of the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the said State, and subjoining a copy of their regulations, and also a certificate of the appointment of the said Ozias Fuller, as Proxy of the Grand High Priest of the said Grand Chapter.

A communication was also received from the Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York containing the report of a committee appointed by the said Grand Chapter, upon the subject of the formation of a Grand Chapter in the State of Vermont.

The two communications before mentioned having been read and considered, it was resolved, That this General Grand Chapter deem it advisable, under a consideration of all the circumstances attending the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Vermont, to admit, and they do hereby admit the said Grand Chapter of Vermont, into a union with us, under the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution."

The above certified by

OTIS AMMIDON, G. G. Secty.

On motion Voted, that a Warrant be granted to the petitioning Companions at St. Albans & its Vicinity, Constituting them a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons by the name of Champlain.

Companion Ozias Fuller presented an acct. for services & expenses as representative of this G. Chapter in the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States at their Session at Middletown (Con). Jany. 9th, 1806, Amounting to Fifty-seven dollars & fifty cents, which acct. was allowed & an order drawn on the Treasr. for the same.

Grand Chapter adjourned to the second Tuesday of March next, one o'clock P. M.

J. Porter, G. Secty. *pro tem.*

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Masons Hall, Rutland, March 11th, 5806.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT..

M. E. Cephas Smith, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. Thomas Miller, D. G. H. P.
E. Nichols Goddard, G. K.
W. Reuben Washburn, G. Secty.
W. Alexander Miller, G. Treas.
Ebenezer Towner, G. Marshal.
Ozias Fuller, G. Visitor.

MEMBERS.

Benjn. Lord, William Fox.

VISITORS.

William Storer, Jno. Cook, William Frisbee.

The following Petition from a number of Companions residing in and near the City of Vergennes, was recd by the G. H. Priest during the recess of the G. Chapter (viz.):

Th the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Vermont. Your petitioners whose names are undersigned humbly show:

That in conformity to the 5th & 9th sections of the 2nd Article of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, on the 25th day of March, A. L. 5805, The M. E. Dept. G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of N. York, Granted Letters of dispensation to a Constitutional number of your Petitioners to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the City of Vergennes until the next communication of the sd. Grand Chapter to be holden at Albany on the first Tuesday of Feby, 5806. In pursuance of sd. letters of dispensation your petitioners have assembled as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from time to time in due form; that they now have received legal information that the General G. Chapter of the Northern States did on the 9th day of Jany, 5806, admit & receive into union under the sd. General Constitution a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter within the State of Vermont. That they have each of them been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Regular Chapters duly authorized to work. That they now reside in or near to the City of Vergennes, remote from any regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with which they can regularly assemble; that they are in number sufficient to meet & work as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and that they are of opinion that it would be for the interest of Masonry in general as well as a peculiar gratification to them personally to be authorized to meet as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with power to exercise all the privileges & rights incident thereto. They therefore humbly pray this Most Excellent Grand Chapter to take their case into their consideration, & grant to them a Charter authorizing them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the City of Vergennes by the name of Jerusalem Chapter, on the degrees of Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master, Past Master, & Mark Master, & to possess all the rights, powers & privileges of a regular Chapter.

And your petioners further pray that in case this petition should be granted that our Companion John Chipman may be their first High Priest, Companion Samuel Hitchcock their King, & Companion Josias Smith their first Scribe.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Vergennes Feby. 1st, A. L. 5806.

Jno. Chipman,	Smith Boothe,
Saml. Hitchcock,	Asa Strong,
Jabes G. Fitch,	Calvin Harman,
Jos. Smith,	Robert Bostwick,
E. D. Woodbridge,	Amos Marsh,
David Edmand,	Jesse Lyman,
Ebenr. Huntington,	Luther E. Hall,
Wm. Burritt,	R. D. Hopkins,
Belden Seymour,	John Green,
Jeremh. Hatch,	Alanson Ferris,
Durand Robards,	Saml. Miller,
Jared Brace,	Solo. Williams.

To the M. E. H. Priest, King, Scribe & Companions of Green Mountain Chapter &c., at Rutland. The consideration of the within Petition is respectfully submitted for their concurrence & approbation agreeable to the regulations of the G. G. Chapter of the Northern States, by,

JNO. CHIPMAN, } for Petitioners.
JOS. SMITH. }

Feby. 1st, A. L. 5806.

MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, March 11th, 5806.

Green Mountain Chapter opened in due form—Voted, That the foregoing request be granted.

Attest, R. WASHBURN, Secty.

On Motion,—Voted, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners Constituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons&c., in the City of Vergennes agreeably to the foregoing Petition.

Recd of the Petitioners $40.00 as fees.

The following petition from a number of Mark Master Masons residing in Middlebury & its vicinity, was recd, by the G. H. Priest, during the recess of the G. Chapter. (Viz.)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Vermont. Your petitioners whose names are undersigned humbly show.

That on the 8th day of Feby., 5804, they rec'd from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York a Charter authorizing them or a constitutional number of them to hold a Mark Master's Lodge at Middlebury in the County of Addison. In pursuance thereof your petitioners have assembled as a Lodge of Mark Masters from time to time in due form. That they have now received legal information that the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States did on the 9th day of Jany., 5806, admit & receive into union under the sd. Genl. Constitution a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter within the State of Vermont. That they now reside in or near the Town of Middlebury remote from any regular Lodge of Mark Masters with which they can regularly assemble. That they are in number sufficient to meet and work as a Lodge of M. M. Masons & that they are of opinion that it would be for the interest of Masonry in general as well as a peculiar gratification to them personally to be authorized to meet as a Lodge of Mark Masters with power to exercise all the privileges & rights incident thereto.

They therefore humbly pray this Most Excellent Grand Chapter to take their case into their consideration, and grant to them a Charter authorizing them to open a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in Middlebury by the name of Union M. M. Lodge and to possess all the rights, powers & privileges of a regular Lodge.

And your petitioners further pray that in case this petition should be granted, that our worthy Brother John Chipman may be their Master, Henry Keeler, Senior Warden, & Daniel Campbell Junior Warden. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Middlebury, Feby. 3rd, A. L. 5806.

John Chipman,
Solo. Williams,
Samuel Peck,
Elizur Peck,
Riverius Newell,
S. Miller,
Bethuel Goodrich.
Abrm. Bethrany,
Darius Mathews,
Saml. Mattocks.

On motion, Voted, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, & that a charter be issued, constituting a Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Middlebury agreeably to the foregoing petition.

Voted unanimously, That the fees for granting a warrant, Constituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall in future be, and are hereby established at the sum of Sixty dollars inclusive of all incidental expenses; And the fees for granting a Warrant Constituting a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, shall in future be, & hereby are established at Twenty dollars inclusive of all incidental expenses.

Voted Unanimously, That the fees for advancing any Candidate to the degree of Mark Master Mason in any Lodge under jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall in future be, and hereby are established at Seven dollars,—And the fees for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, on any Candidate, in any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall in future be, & hereby are established at Twenty five dollars.

Ordered, That each Royal Arch Chapter & Lodge of M. M. Masons, under the jurisdiction of this G. Chapter be furnished with a Copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America.

Companion Ozias Fuller presented an acct. for postage, folding Constitutions of the Genl. G. Chapter & binding one for the use of this G. Chapter, amounting to One dollar & six cents, which was allowed and an order drawn on the Treasr. for the same.

Chapter opened on the M. M. degree and the Lectures on that degree attended to. Closed on this degree.

The Grand Chapter Closed until the next Stated Communication.

REUBEN WASHBURN, G. Sect.

The following communication was recd. by the G. Secty. during the recess of the Grand Chapter (viz):

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont—The Worshl. Master & Brethren of Hiram Union Lodge of Master Mark Masons by their Secretary beg leave to present the following Returns:*

That on the 3rd day of Decr. A. L. 5805, being the day appointed for the choice of Officers for said Lodge, The following were duly elected to wit:

Brother John Sargeent, Worl. Master.
Titus A. Cook, Senr. Warden.
Saml. Wright, Junr., Junr. Warden.
Nathan Weller, Treasurer.
Heman Hastings, Secretary.
Wm. Cowdry, Master Overseer.
Peres Brown, Senr. Overseer.
Eliphalet Farewell, Junr. Overseer.

And that there have been the following Brethren admitted to the degree of Master Mark Masons since the establishment of said Lodge in Pawlet, to wit, from the first day of June, A. L. 5805, to the 13th of January, 5806.

Heman Hastings,
Reuben Fish,
John Edgerton,
Elihu Johnson,
Asa Clark,
Hubbard Shaw.
Peres Brown.
Nathl. Hamlin,
Nathl. Tafts,
Danl. Welch, jr.,
Israel Phillips,

Attest, Heman Hastings, Secretary.

Cash Recd. $5.50.

Masons Hall, Rutland, Jany. 6th, A. L. 5807.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont Convened Agreeably to the Regulations of sd. G. Chapter.

Opened on the 4th or M. M. Degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

NICHOLS GODDARD, W. M. *pro. tem.*
OZIAS FULLER, S. W. *pro. tem.*
BENJN. LORD, J. W. *pro. tem.*
JOHN NASON, M. O. *pro. tem.*
JONA. WELLS, S. O. *pro. tem.*
ASA GRAVES, J. O. *pro. tem.*
EZEKIEL PORTER, Treasr. *pro. tem.*
REUBEN WASHBURN, Secty.

MEMBERS.

John Chipman,
Ebenr. Hebard,
Jona. Nye,
Josias Smith.

After a pertinent Address to the Throne of Grace by the G. Chaplin, the Lectures on this degree were rehearsed by the Master and S. Warden.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, at Pawlet, not represented.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, at Middlebury, represented in the person of their W. Master, Jno. Chipman, Esq., who presented the following return, to wit:

"A return of Union Mark Lodge on the first day of January, A. L. 5806.

Worshipful JOHN CHIPMAN, Esq., M.
Br. HENRY KEELER, S. W.
Br. ABNER HALL, J. W.
Br. SAML. MATTOCKS, Treasr.
Br. EDWARD EELLS, Secty.
Br. SOLOMON WILLIAMS, M. I.
Br. HARVEY BELL, S. I.
Br. JOSHUA STACKWELL, J. I.
Br. BETHUEL GOODRICH, Tyler.

Reverius Newell,
Abraham Bethrany,
Gamaliel Painter,
Daniel Campbell,
Seth Storrs,
Joseph Woodward,
Ebenezer Wheelock,
Christopher Johnson.
Elizur Peck,
Samuel Miller,
Joseph Cook,
Daniel Chipman,
Darius Matthews,
Gad Demming,
Rufus Fuller,

Fees 25 cents each.

NEW MEMBERS.

Milo Cook,
Joseph Pride,
James Johnson,
Farley Davis,
Reuben Saxton,
Justus Foot,
Isaac Hill,
Adonijah Schuyler.

50 cents each. $10.00.

A true return,

EDWARD EELLS, Secretary.

Middlebury, Jany. 1st, A. L. 5807."

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Cash Recd. of Union M. M. Lodge by their Representative as dues agreeably to the above returns, Ten dollars.

Lodge Closed during the Worshl. Master's pleasure.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch Degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, jr., G. H. P.
M. E. NICHOLS GODDARD, D. G. H. P. *pro. tem.*
M. E. EZEKIEL PORTER, G. K. *pro. tem.*
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. S. *pro. tem.*
W. REUBEN WASHBURN, G. Secty.
W. BENJN. LORD, G. Treasr. *pro. tem.*
Revd. EBENEZER HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor & G. M. *pro. tem.*
ASA GRAVES, G. Centinel.

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Nye,
Jonathan Wells,
Josias Smith.
John Nason,
Thos. Miller,

Green Mountain R. A. Chapter No. 1, Represented by their M. E. High Priest, Ozias Fuller, & their Excellent Scribe, Benjn. Lord, who presented the following Returns (to wit):

"Return of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, held at Rutland in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont from the seventh of January, 1806, to the sixth of January, 1807.

Nineteen members at 50 cents, $9.50.

REUBEN WASHBURN, Secy.

Rutland, 5th Jany., 1807."

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Jerusalem R. A Chapter No. 2, represented by their M. E. High Priest & Proxy for Scribe, John Chipman, Esq., & their E. King, Josias Smith, Esq., who presented the following Returns (to wit):

"Return of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, held at Vergennes in the County of Addison and State of Vermont from 5th of Feby, 5806, to the 6th of Jany, 5807.

M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, H. P.
E. JOSIAS SMITH, K.
E. DAVID EDMOND, S.

MEMBERS.

John Chipman,
David Edmond,
Jesse Lyman,
E. D. Woodbridge,
Amos Marsh,
Calvin Harman,
Asa Strong,
Jeremiah Hatch,
Alanson Ferris,
Solo. Williams,
R. D. Hopkins,
Saml. Miller.
Josias Smith,
Luther E. Hall,
Beldin Seymore,
Smith Booth,
Robert Bostwick,
Jabez G. Fitch,
Durand Robards,
John Green,
Ebenr. Huntington,
E. T. Englesby,
Saml. Hitchcock,

At 50 cents each, Amt. fees $11.50.

EXALTATATIONS.

Riverius Newell,
Joseph Powers,
Samuel Rich,
Roswell Hopkins,
George Robinson,
Stephen Harmon.

At 2 doll. each, fees, $12.00

$23.50

Vergennes, Jany. 6th, A. L. 5807.

ROBERT BOSTWICK, Secy."

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Champlain R. A. Chapter represented by the M. E. Jonathan Nye, High Priest, & Proxy for Scribe, & Compn. John Nason, as Proxy for King of sd. Chapter, who presented the following return (to wit):

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

This may certify that within the year last past, Daniel Ryan, Josiah Tuttle, Abner Morton, John Stoddard, Elias Fassett, Roswell Hutchins, Eli Green, Luke Camp, Truman Powell, Abraham Stephens, Anthony Rhodes, Newton Hayes, & John Nason, have been exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons in Champlain Chapter No. 2, who together with Seth Pomeroy, Carter Hickok, Asaph Chandler, Zerah Willoby, Solomon Bingham, junr., Simeon Lester, Benjamin Chandler, Abel Allis, Reuben Evarts, and Jonathan Nye, constitute the number of said Champlain Chapter.

Attest, ABNER MORTON, Secty.

St. Albans, Jany. 3rd, A. L. 5807."

Fees agreeably to the above return for Ten members at 50 cents annual fees, $5.00

Thirteen Exaltations at 2 dollars, fees, 26.00

$31.00

On Motion, Voted, That Companion John Chipman be admitted to act as Proxy for the Scribe of Jerusalem Chapter, John Nason as Proxy for the King, & Jonathan Nye as Proxy for the Scribe of Champlain Chapter, agreeably to their respective Credentials, by them produced.

On Motion, Voted, That the R. A. Chapter at St. Albans be known by the name & style of Champlain Chapter No. 2; And that the R. A. Chapter at ,V ergennes, be known by the name & style of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to a choice of Officers for the ensuing year, agreeably to the Constitution ; when the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, viz :

M. E. Cephas Smith, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. Ozias Fuller, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Jonathan Nye, G. K.
M. E. David Edmond, G. S.
W. Nichols Goddard, G. Secty.
W. Benjamin Lord, G. Treasr.
Revd. Ebenezer Hebard, G. Chaplain.
William Storer, G. Marshal.
Nichols Goddard, G. Visitor.
James Porter, G. Centinel.

The following Companions Officers elect were severally Installed into the Offices to which they were elected, (to wit):

M. E. Cephas Smith, jr.,
M. E. Ozias Fuller,
M. E. Jonathan Nye,
W. Nichols Goddard,
W. Benjn. Lord,
Revd. Ebenr. Hebard,
and William Storer.

Companions Jonathan Nye, Josias Smith & Ozias Fuller were appointed a Committee to revise the *Bye-Laws* & make report to this G. Chapter on the seventh inst. at 11 o'clock A. M.

Companion Jonathan Wells was appointed to settle with the late Secy. & Treasr. & examine the state of the funds & make report to this G. Chapter on the seventh Inst. at 11 o'clock A. M.

The several Lectures in the R. A. degree by the deputy G. H. P. & G. Secty, were rehearsed for the benefit of the Companions.

Cash recd, agreeably to the foregoing returns, viz:

Of Green Mountain Chapter,	$9.50
Of Champlain Chapter,	31.00
Of Jerusalem Chapter,	23.50
	$64.00

Chapter adjourned until the 7th inst. 9 o'clock A. M.

REUBEN WASHBURN, G. Secty.

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MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, Jany 7th, A. L. 5807.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to Adjournment.

Opened on the seventh, or Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. OZIAS FULLER, D. G. H. P.
M. E. JONATHAN NYE, G. K.
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. S. *P. T.*
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
W. BENJN. LORD, G. Treasr.
WILLIAM STORER, G. Marshal.

Jonathan Wells,
Thomas Miller,
Reuben Washburn,
Josias Smith.
John Nason,
Ebenezer Towner,
William Fox,

The Committee appointed to revise the Bye-Laws, made their report, upon which the Grand Chapter proceeded to a consideration of their regulations & rules of Order; when, sundry alterations & amendments were proposed, & the regulations and rules of order, which follow, were ratified and confirmed, for the government of the same; and all former regulations and ordinances for the government of said Grand Chapter were repealed.

REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

The State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, duly organized, agreeably to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, do ordain and establish the following Regulations for the government thereof, and for the government of any Chapter or Lodge, which is or hereafter may be, under the jurisdiction of the same.

ARTICLE 1st.

That this State Grand Chapter shall, hereafter, meet on the first Wednesday of January, annually in Rutland; at which time the Grand Officers shall be elected & installed.

ARTICLE 2nd.

That any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or any Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in this State, which has been duly constituted by virtue of a Warrant, heretofore granted by the State Grand Chapter of New York, shall, hereafter, be under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter; & shall be entitled, on application to a Warrant or Charter, (as the case may require,) from this State Grand Chapter, confirming them in their respective rights & privileges.

ARTICLE 3rd.

The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, with the subordinate degrees, shall be sixty dollars; & for a new Mark Masters' Lodge, twenty dollars, inclusive of all incidental expenses, excepting the expense of installing, which shall be paid out of the funds of said Chapter or Lodge.

ARTICLE 4th.

All applications for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall, for the consideration of the members, lie over, at least, from one stated regular communication to another, previous to the ballots being taken,

ARTICLE 5th.

The fees for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, shall be twenty-five dollars, in all Chapters under this jurisdiction; and the fees for the advancement of a candidate to the degree of Mark Master, in all Chapters & Mark Masters' Lodges, shall be seven dollars.

ARTICLE 6th.

That each Chapter or Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall, at the annual communication of this State Grand Chapter, make return of all the members which may have been exalted, advanced or admitted: and, in case of neglect, their Warrant may be recalled.

ARTICLE 7th.

That each Chapter, under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the Treasury of this State Grand Chapter, at their annual communication, for the benefit thereof, three dollars for each candidate who shall have been exalted.

ARTICLE 8th.

That each Mark Masters' Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the Treasury of this State Grand Chapter, at their annual communication, for the benefit thereof, one dollar for each candidate who shall have been advanced.

ARTICLE 9th.

That this State Grand Chapter shall, in each day of their sitting, be open in the Mark degree, one hour, & longer if necessary;—during which time, the Masters & Wardens of the several Mark Masters' Lodges, under this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to a seat in said Lodge, and a voice and vote on all subjects relative to that degree.

ARTICLE 10th.

That in each day of the sitting of this State Grand Chapter, the Royal Arch, & Mark Masters' Lectures shall be given for the benefit of the members.

ARTICLE 11th.

That no candidate residing in, or near a city, or town, where a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or a Lodge of Mark Master Masons is holden, under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted, or advanced, in any Chapter or Lodge, in any other place, without a recommendation from the Chapter or Lodge nearest the place where said candidate may reside.

ARTICLE 12th.

The Secretaries of the several Chapters and Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall, annually, between the time of the election of their Officers and the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, or at that time, make returns of the names of their Officers respectively, to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE 13th.

No candidate, whose application may be rejected in any Chapter, or Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any Chapter or Lodge other than the one to which his application was first made; and it shall be the duty of every Chapter or Lodge, under this jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to the several Chapters and Lodges under this jurisdiction, as well as to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 14th.

That the Officers of every Chapter & Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall be annually chosen, by ballot, at their respective communications next before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, & installed into their respective offices at the same, or their next regular communication.

ARTICLE 15th.

No person shall be permitted to take a seat in this Grand Chapter, as Proxy for more than one Chapter, or Lodge.

ARTICLE 16th.

That each Chapter & Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall have a Seal, which shall be affixed to all communications made to this State Grand Chapter, and to all credentials which may be given by such Chapter or Lodge, to any member thereof:—a description of which Seal, and

the device engraved thereon, shall be transmitted to, & recorded by the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE 17th.

That this State Grand Chapter shall have jurisdiction of settling all matters of controversy which may arise between Chapters, Lodges, or members of different Chapters & Lodges, under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 18th.

That there shall be a Grand Visitor appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive instructions from the General & State Grand Officers, and to visit such Chapters & Lodges, under this jurisdiction, as may require his attendance, and give them information in the several Masonic Lectures, & proper modes of *Working* in the several degrees,—*Provided*, the Chapter or Lodge, so requiring his attendance, shall defray the expense thereof.

ARTICLE 19th.

The foregoing regulations shall not be altered, amended, or revised, except at an annual meeting of this State Grand Chapter; nor in that case, unless three-fourths of the members of the same shall give their assent to such alteration, amendment, or revision.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1st.

No member of this State Grand Chapter shall be permitted to take a seat by Proxy, without producing credentials of his appointment, from the Officer, Chapter, or Lodge, which he represents.

ARTICLE 2nd.

Every member of this State Grand Chapter must appear at the communications suitably clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE 3rd.

No member shall speak more than twice on one subject, without permission from the presiding Officer for the time being.

ARTICLE 4th.

All motions made in this Grand Chapter, shall be presented in writing, to the presiding Officer.

ARTICLE 5th.

All motions of mere order, shall be determined by the presiding Officer without debate.

ARTICLE 6th.

No person shall be admitted, as a visitor, in this Grand Chapter, except by the unanimous consent of the members present.

Ordered, That the G. Secretary transmit as soon as may be to each of the Secretaries of the Chapters & M. M. Lodges under the jurisdiction, of this G. Chapter, a copy of all the regulations & ordinances thereof.

Ordered, That the G. Secretary prepare a copy of the foregoing Regulations & rules of order, for the Press, and Superintend the printing of a suitable number not to exceed one hundred.

Resolved: That the G. Secretary ascertain what M. M. Lodges (if any) within the jurisdiction of this G. Chapter, are proceeding under the authority of any other State G. Chapter, and give them due notice of their accountability to this State G. Chapter, and report the same to the next annual meeting of this State G. Chapter.

On motion, Ordered, That the Grand Secretary notify the Brethren of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge to appear before this Grand Chapter at their next stated meeting & show cause if any they have why their Charter ought not to be recalled, for their default of payment of dues, & neglect of representation at the present meeting of the said G. Chapter in conformity to the regulations thereof.

The committee appointed to settle with the Secty. & Treasurer made the following report (to wit):

To the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Worshipful Companions, of the State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of settling with the Secretary and Treasurer, and to examine into the state of the funds of said State Grand Chapter, submit the following statements as the result of his enquiry (to wit):

In the hands of Nichols Goddard, former Secretary, cash rec'd of Hiram Union Mark Lodge for a Charter,	$10.00
Also Cash for Dispensation to Champlain Companions,	40.00
Also cash of Green Mountain Chapter as pr. returns in Jany. 1806,	27.50
Also cash of Jerusalem Chapter for Charter,	40.00
	$117.50

Credits by exhibits of the following orders drawn by the High Priest (to wit):

one in favor of Cephas Smith, jr.,	$12.00
also one in favor of Nichols Goddard,	15.39
one in favor of Ozias Fuller,	57.50
also one other order in favor of Ozias Fuller,	1.06
	$85.95—$31.55

leaving in the hands of Companion Goddard a balance of thirty-one dollars & fifty-five cents.

That there is in hands of Reuben Washburn late Secretary cash recd. of Hiram Union Mark Lodge as per returns in January 1806, $5.50

Also cash recd. of Green Mountain Chapter as pr. returns in January 1807.	9.50
Also cash of Jerusalem Chapter as pr. returns in Jany. 1807,	23.50
Also cash of Champlain Chapter as pr. returns in Jany. 1807,	31.00
Also cash of Union Mark Lodge as pr. return in Jany. 1807,	10.00
In the hands of Companion Washburn,	$79.50
In the hands of Companion Goddard,	31.55
In the whole,	$111.05

JONA. WELLS, Committee.

Resolved: That the foregoing report be accepted, & that Companions Goddard & Washburn pay over the several sums in their hands to the present Treasurer.

G. Treasurer Dr. to cash recd. of Companions Goddard & Washburn agreeably to report of committee as stated above, $111.05.

On Motion, Voted, that the M. E. G. H. Priest be directed to draw orders on the G. Treasurer to defray the expenses of this Session & also to defray the expense of preparing and printing the regulations & rules of order adopted by the G. Chapter at this Session.

An order was drawn in favor of Cn. Reuben Washburn of two dollars & sixty-seven cents for furnishing a book of Records of Charters, for the use of the G. Chapter.

An order was drawn in favor of Wells & Washburn for providing refreshment at the Lodge room of two dollars & thirty six cents.

An order was also drawn on the G. Treasr. of Eleven dollars & twenty-five cents to defray the expense of refreshment at Br. Ebenr. Niles.

G. Chapter closed in ample form.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.

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The following communication was recd. by the G. Secty. during the recess of the G. Chapter (viz):

"Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge stated term, 3rd Wednesday December, A. L. 5806—holden at Br. John Edgerton's Lodge room in Pawlet.

Br. JOHN SARGEANT, W. M.
Br. NATHL. HAMLIN, S. W. *P. T.*
Br. S. HOTCHKISS, J. W. *P. T.*

Proceeded to choice of Officers.

Br. JOHN SEARGENT, elected W. M.
Br. NATHL. HAMLIN, S. W.
Br. S. HOTCHKISS, J. W.

The following are the names of all the members made since the last returns of this Lodge, to wit:

Br. Simeon Parks,
Br. Gill Malery,
Br. Em. Beebe,
Br. Elijah Parks,
Br. Peter King,
Br. Justin Smith,
Br. Joseph Curtiss,
Br. Seth Potter,
Br. Minor Branch,
Br. Timothy Fisher,
Consider Hark.

At $0.50	$5.50
Twenty members of the Lodge prior to the last return,	5.00
	$10.50

The above are true extracts from the Records.

Attest, HEMAN HASTINGS, Secty."

Cash Recd. $10.50.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.

MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, Jany. 6th, A. L. 5808.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont Convened Agreeably to the Regulations of sd. G. Chapter.

Opened on the 4th or Mark Masters' Degree.

PRESENT.

CEPHAS SMITH, junr., W. M.
OZIAS FULLER, D. M.
EZEKIEL PORTER, S. W. *P. T.*
JOHN CHIPMAN, J. W. *P. T.*
NICHOLS GODDARD, Sect. & M. O. *P. T.*
BENJAMIN LORD, Treasr. & S. O. *P. T.*
EBENR. HEBARD, Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER, Marshal.
WILLIAM FOX, J. O. *P. T.*
JAMES PORTER, Centl.

MEMBERS.

Asa Graves,
Titus A. Cook,
Thomas Miller,
Jonathan Wells,
Nathaniel Hamlin,
Alexander Miller.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Oliver Abel,
Ezekiel Buel,
Calvin Drury,
Return B. Brown,
Issachar Reed,
Abel Moulton,
Sherman Dewey,
Ebenezer Towner,
Eliakim H. Johnson,
William Frisbee,
Gordon Newell,
John Cook.

After a pertinent address to the Throne of Grace by the G. Chaplain, the G. Chapter moved in procession to the Court-house where a sermon well adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the G. Chaplain. Returned to the Hall and proceeded to business.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge, No. 1, represented by Brother Nathaniel Hamlin W. Master & proxy for the Junior Warden, & Br. Titus A. Cook Senior Warden.

There being no seal annexed to their returns & credentials, it was moved that a vote be taken whether they be permitted to take seats as representatives.

Voted, That Brs. Nathl. Hamlin & Titus A. Cook be permitted to take seats as representatives agreeably to their appointment.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, represented by Br. John Chipman W. Master, and proxy for Senior & Junior Wardens.

Returns of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1.

"Hiram Union Mark Masters' Lodge No. 1, Stated Term 3rd Wednesday of December A. L. 5807.

PRESENT.

Br. JOHN SARGENT, W. M.
Br. NATHL. HAMLIN, S. W.
Br. SOCRATES HOTCHKISS, J. W.

Proceeded to business & made choice of

Br. NATHANIEL HAMLIN, W. M.
Br. TITUS A. COOK, S. W.
Br. WILLIAM COWDRY, J. W.
Br. ASA CLARK, Treasr.
Br. MINOR BRANCH, Secty.
for the year ensuing.

Attest, HEMAN HASTINGS, Secy."

"The following Brethren have been advanced to the degree of Mark Masters from the 3rd Wednesday of Decr. A. L. 5806, to the 3rd Wednesday of Decr. 5807, to wit:

John Adams,
Ephraim Fitch,
Elijah Lilly,
Eliud Smith.
} at $1.00. $4.00

Attest, HEMAN HASTINGS, Secty."

Returns of Union M. M. Lodge No. 2.

"The following is a return of the names of the Master and Wardens of Union M. M. Lodge at Middlebury, Vermont, also the names of the Brethren who have been advanced in said Lodge within the last year.

M. W. John Chipman, Esq., Master.
[L. S.] Br. Henry Keeler, S. W.
Br. Darius Matthews, J. W.

Brethren advanced, } Patrick Johnson, Reuben Lamb, Abijah Davis.

This may certify that Brothers Keeler and Mathews Senior & Junior Wardens of this Lodge have appointed the M. W. John Chipman, Esq., as their proxies, to represent them in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Attest, Edward Eells, Secretary
of Union M. M. Lodge."

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A petition was presented by Br. R. B. Brown signed by a number of Brethren in Windsor & its vicinity, Praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge of M. M. Masons at Windsor, but as it did not appear that they had obtained the consent & approbation of the nearest M. M. Lodge agreeably to the General Regulations, it was therefore moved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition, which was granted.

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The following communication was laid before the Lodge By Br. Oliver Abel with a request that the G. Chapter would take the same into consideration & grant a Warrant for holding a M. M. Lodge in Bennington (viz):

"This is to make known to the Grand Chapter of Vermont, and to all Chapters & Lodges of Mark Master Masons under their Jurisdiction, That on the Thursday next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in December, 1807, Charles Cushman, junior, was elected Master,

and Oliver Abel, sen. Warden and Samuel Scott, jun. Warden of Temple Mark Masters' Lodge No. 13, in Benington, now holding authority by virtue of a Charter from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, sd. Officers to hold their offices for one year from the time of their election and are authorized the whole or any one or more of them to procure a Charter for this Lodge from the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

By order of the Lodge,

JOHN WALWORTH, Secry.

Benington, January 2nd, 1808."

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The following communication was laid before the Lodge by Br. Ezekiel Buel with a request that the Grand Chapter would take the same into consideration, and grant them a warrant for holding a Lodge of M. M. Masons in Poultney (viz):

"Arora Mark Lodge No. 16, met at Br. Samuel B. Platts in Poultney by order of the Master (Extra). Decr. 24th, 5807.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Br. E. BUEL, Master.
Br. P. ADAMS, Senr. Warden.
Br. T. WILLMOT, Jn. Warden.
Br. P. P. FRENCH, Tr. *P. T.*
Br. S. BEEMAN, Secy. *P. T.*
Br. S. WOODMAN, Master Overseer.
Br. E. CAMFIELD, Sen. Ovr.
Br. E. CLARK, Junr. Ovr.
Br. J. KELLOGG, Tyler.

Proceeded to business. Communication from the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont to this Lodge was presented and disposed of.

1st. Voted, that we make application to the Grand Chapter in the State of Vermont to be restored to our former Rights & Privileges as Mark Master Masons.

2nd. Voted, That there be a nomination of officers made.

3rd. Voted, That Br. Ezekiel Buel be our Master, Br. Pliny Adams our Sen. Warden, Br. Thomas Willmot our Jun. Warden.

4th. Voted, That Br. Ezekiel Buel be Proxy to the Grand Chapter of Vermont and make known our wishes.

Lodge closed.

Attest, SAMUEL BEEMAN, Secty.

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POULTNEY, 4th Decr. 1807.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand King & Grand Scribe, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

We your Petitioners, Arora Mark Masters' Lodge No. 16, having been constituted a regular Lodge of Mark Masons under the Grand Chapter of the State of New York and agreeable to the rules & regulations of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter for North America and the establishment of yours, we therefore as a Lodge wish you to restore us, with all the Rights & Privileges of a Mark Master Masons Lodge, Pledging ourselves to conform to all the rules & regulations of a Mark Master Masons Lodge under yours, and to be known by the name of Morning Star Mark Lodge No.——

Br. Benjn. Lord was appointed to settle with the Musick, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer of fifteen dollars to defray the expence of the same.

The Lectures on this degree were rehearsed by order of the Master.

Cash Recd. of Hiram Union Mark Lodge No. 1, as dues,	$4.00
Cash Recd. of Union M. Lodge No. 2, as dues,	3.00
	$7.00

Treasr. to cash Dr. as above seven dollars.

Closed on the 4th degree in due form.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.

The G. Chapter opened on the 7th or Royal Arch degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. OZIAS FULLER, D. G. H. P.
M. E. EZEKIEL PORTER, G. K. (*P. T.*)
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. S. (*P. T.*)
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
W. BENJN. LORD, G. Treasr.
Revd. EBENEZER HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER, G. Marshal.
NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Visitor.
JAMES PORTER, G. Centinal.

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Wells, Wm. Fox, Thos. Miller.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

Wm. Frisbee,
Alexr. Miller,
Ebenr. Towner,
Gordon Newel,
Sherman Dewey,
Ezekiel Buel,
Asa Graves,
Eliakim H. Johnson,
Nathl. Hamlin,
R. B. Brown,
Titus A. Cook.

Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 1. Represented by Compn. Ozias Fuller, H. P. Compn., Benjn. Lord, K., and Compn. Alexander Miller, Scribe.

Champlain Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, not represented—no returns.

Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, represented by Compn. John Chipman, H. Priest and Proxy for King, no returns.

Returns of Green Mountain Chapter.

"Returns of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, held at Rutland in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont from January 6th, 1807, to January 6th 1808.

At the annual communication held on the 2nd Tuesday of Novr. 1807, made choice of Compn Ozias Fuller, H. Priest, Benjamin Lord, K., Alexander Miller, Scribe, James Porter, Captain of the Host, Wm. Storer, Principal Sojourner, Ebenr. Towner, Royal Arch Captain, Gordon Newel, Sturgiss Penfield, and Abel Moulton, Grand Masters of the Vails, Cephas Smith, junr., Treasurer, and Jonathan Wells, Secy.

Sturgiss Penfield, Exalted Jany. 13th,	$3,00
Martin Hopkins, advanced Jany. 13th,	1.00
Jesse Parkel, advanced March 10th,	1.00
Eliakim H. Johnson, March 24th, Exalted,	3.00
Gordon Newell, do Exalted.	3.00
Nathaniel Hamlin, March 27th, Exalted,	3.00
Calvin Drury, May 12th, advanced,	1.00
	$15.00

James Porter, Secy. *pro. tem.*"

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The Grand Chapter proceeded to a choice of Officers for the ensuing year agreeably to the Constitution, when the following Companions were duly Elected to the several Offices affixed to their names respectively (to wit):

M. E. Cephas Smith, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. John Chipman, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Ebenezer Towner, G. K.
M. E. William Frisbee, G. S.
W. Nichols Goddard, G. Secy.
W. Benjamin Lord, G. Treasr.
Revd. Jonathan Nye, G. Chaplain.
Nathaniel Hamlin, G. Marshal.
Wm. Storer, G. Steward.
Ozias Fuller, G. Visitor.
Gordon Newel, G. Centinal.

Companions Ezekiel Porter, Cephas Smith, junr., and Ozias Fuller were appointed a committee to return the thanks of this G. Chapter to the G. Chaplain, for the excellent sermon by him this day delivered, & to present him with Ten dollars, & request a copy for the Press.

G. Chapter adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.

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MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, Jany 7th, 5808.

The G. Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to adjournment.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, junr., G. H. P.
M. E. JNO. CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
M. E. EBENR TOWNER, G. K.
M. E. WM. FRISBEE, G. S.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
W. BENJN. LORD, G. Tresr.
NATHL. HAMLIN, G. Marshal.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor.

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Wells.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

P. B. Brown,
Ezekiel Buel,
William Storer,
Sherman Dewey,
Titus A. Cook.

The Officers Elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices except the G. Chaplain & G. Centinal.

On Motion, Voted, That a Warrant be granted to the Petitioners from Benington, continuing them in their former Rights & Privileges, by Constituting a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in that Town to be known by the name of Temple Mark Lodge No. 3.

On Motion, Voted, That a Warrant be Granted to the Pititioners from Poultney, continuing them in their former Rights and Privileges by constituting a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in that Town to be known by the name of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4.

The Charters for Mark Lodges in Benington & Poultney which were granted by the G. Chapter of the State of New York, were surrendered to this G. Chapter and suitably endorsed.

A letter from the Secy. of Green Mountain Chapter, was read by the G. Secty. informing the G. Chapter that Andrew McFarland of Fairhaven had made application to be advanced in Green Mountain Chapter and rejected.

Companion Nichols Goddard was appointed an agent of this G. Chapter for the purpose of procuring Robes, Crowns, & other suitable orniments, at his discresion for the use of the G. Officers previous to the next annual Session of the G. Chapter.

Voted that the G. Treasurer pay over to Companion Goddard all the monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expence of providing Robes, &c., for the G. Officers.

Companion William Storer, was appointed to audit & adjust the accounts of the G. Treasurer & report at the next meeting.

A vote passed authorizing the G. H. Priest to draw orders on the G. Treasr. to defray the expences of this Session.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by the G. H. Priest during the recess of the G. Chapter dated April 22nd, 1807, in favor of Compn. N. Goddard to defray the expence of Printing the Regulations of the G. Chapter, of Eleven dollars.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of Ten dollars to be presented to the G. Chaplain, Revd. E. Hebard, agreeably to a vote of the G. Chapter.

Companion Wm. Storer, presented an Acct. for providing refreshments during this session, amounting to Ten dollars & fifty cents, which was allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

The Lectures on the Royal Arch degree were rehearsed by order of the G. H. P.

Cash Recd. from Green Mountain Chapter as dues, fifteen dollars.

Treasurer to Cash Dr. fifteen dollars.

The Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secretary.

An order was drawn on the G. Treasr. by the G. H. Priest during the recess of the G. Chapter in favor of Compn. N. Goddard to defray the expence of letter postage, paper, printing notifications, money paid Abel Cheney for services, and for refreshment for Chaplain & musick, dated January 11th, 1808, amounting to seven dollars and sixty-four cents.

The following communication was recd by the G. Secy. during the recess of the G. Chapter (to wit):

"Annual Return of the Officers of Champlain Chapter No. 2, for the year A. L. 5807.

JONATHAN NYE, H. P.
SETH POMEROY, K.
ZERAH WILLOBY, S.
ABNER MORTON, Secy.
REUBEN EVARTS, Treasr.
CARTER HICKOK, C. H.
[L. S.] SIMEON LESTER, P. S.
JULIUS HOIT, R. A. C.
BENJN. CHANDLER, ROSWELL HUTCHINS, JNO. STODDARD, } M. V.
DANIEL RYAN, JOHN NASON, } Stewards.
NEWTON HAYS, Centinal.

Attest, A. MORTON, Secry."

"Annual of Members advanced, exalted and admitted in Champlain Chapter No. 2, during the year A. L. 5807.

March 3rd, A. L. 5807, Julius Hoit, advanced & exalted.
Novr. 3rd, A. L. 5807, Ornan Fuller, admited a member.
James Farnsworth, advanced & exalted.

Decr. 8th, A. L. 5808, Ira Lawrence, & Amos Weeks, advanced and exalted.

[L. S.] Attest, A. Morton, Secy."

Cash Recd. from Champlain Chapter No. 2, as dues, twelve dollars.
Treasr. to cash Dr. twelve dollars.

A dispensation was granted by the G. H. Priest to a competent number of Petitioners, M. M. Masons, to hold a Mark Lodge at Windsor till the next stated session of the G. Chapter, by the name of Windsor Mark Lodge, No. 5.

Cash Recd. of the petitioners from Windsor, twenty dollars.
Treasr. to cash Dr. twenty dollars.

Report of a settlement with the G. Treasurer (to wit):

"Rutland, February 26th, 1808.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of sd Chapter, Reports:

That he has this day examined the Treasurer's Accts. & compared them with the Secretary's records,—that he finds him charged with monies recd. at sundry times amounting to one hundred seventy-five dollars & fifty-five cents,—that he has produced sufficient vouchers for seventy dollars & forty-two cents leaving a ballance in his hands belonging to the G. Treasurer of one hundred five dollars & thirteen cents.

William Storer, Committee."

MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, January 4th, A. L. 5809.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont Convened Agreeably to the Regulations of sd G. Chapter.

Opened on the 4th or Mark Masters Degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT..

CEPHAS SMITH, junr., W. M.
NICHOLS GODDARD, S. W.
BENJN. LORD, J. W.
JOSEPH WOODWARD, Treasr.
JON. WELLS, Secty.
JNO. COOK, M. O.
ELISHA HITCHCOCK, S. O.
WM. STORER, J. O.
OZIAS FULLER, Visr.

MEMBERS.

Thos. Miller, Ebnr. Towner.

VISITORS.

Asa Graves, Jno. Cook,
James Porter, Alex. Miller.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, not represented & no returns.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, represented by Br. Joseph Woodward, as proxy for the Senior & Junior Wardens, produced a certificate of his appointment as proxy, & made the following returns (viz):

"Return of Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 2, for the year ending on the 9th day of December, A. L. 5808.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, Master.
Br. HENRY KEELER, S. W.
JUSTUS FOOT, J. W.
EDWARD EELLS, Secy.

Names of Brethren marked during the year 5808.	When marked.	
Walter Burnham, Benjn. S. Edgerton, Henry S. Waterhouse,	Feby. 11th,	$3.00
Thos. D. Huggins,	29th,	1.00
Lyman Clark,	April 14th,	1.00
		$5.00

I hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the brethrens names who have been advanced to the fourth degree of Masonry since the second thursday of december A. L. 5808.

Attest, EDWARD EELLS, Secy.

Middlebury, Decr. 9th, A. L. 5808."

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Temple M. M. Lodge No. 3, not represented.

Morning Starr M. M. Lodge No. 4, not represented.

Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5, represented by Br. Elisha Hitchcock, who made the following returns (viz):

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The return of Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, of which Lodge Thomas Leaverett is Master, Return B. Brown Senior Warden, & Lemuel Hitchcock, Junior Warden.

At a Regular communication under their dispensation, holden at Masons' Hall in Windsor, Feb. 29th, A. L. 5808.

Thomas Hewlett, Joseph Winslow, Rufus Root, Joel Lull, & Abishai Hoisington, Advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons.

March 21st, 5808, Thomas Tolman, John Burlingame, & Josiah Nichols, Advanced to Mark Masters Degree.

April 18th, 5808, Gregory Stone, Advanced.

At which Lodge four worthy candidates now stand proposed.

Attest, JOSEPH WINSLOW, Secy.

Windsor, Decr. 20th, A. L. 5808."

The several Lectures on this degree, were duly attended too, and the Lodge closed in ample form.

Attest, NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.

The G. Chapter opened on the 7th or Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, jr., G. H. P.
M. E. EBENEZER TOWNER, D. G. H. P. *P. T.*
M. E. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. K. *P. T.*
M. E. BENJAMIN LORD, G. S. *P. T.*
W. JOSEPH WOODWARD, G. Treasr. *P. T.*
W. JONATHAN WELLS, G. Secy. *P. T.*
WILLIAM STORER, G. M. *P. T.*
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visr.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel. *P. T.*

Alexander Miller, Thos. Miller,
Elisha Hitchcock, James Porter.

Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, was represented in the persons of their Officers & made the following returns (viz):

Returns of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, held at Rutland in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont from January 6th, 1808, to January 4th, 1809.

"At an Annual Communication held on the 2nd tuesday of November 1808, made choice of the following Companions to fill the Offices annexed to their several names for the year ensuing.

M. E. OZIAS FULLER, H. P.
E. BENJAMIN LORD, K.
E. EBENEZER TOWNER, S.
GORDON NEWELL, C. H.
WILLIAM STORER, P. S.
JAMES PORTER, R. A. C.
STURGISS PENFIELD, }
ABEL MOULTON, } G. M. V.
E. H. JOHNSON, }
CEPHAS SMITH, jr., Treasr.
NICHOLS GODDARD, Secy.
WM. STORER, Steward.

March 1808, Joel Green, Advanced,	$1.00
May 10th, 1808, Jason Newton, Advanced,	1,00
" " " Ezra Clark, Exalted,	3.00
	$5.00

A true return,

[L. S.] N. GODDARD, Secy."

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Champlain Chapter No. 2, not represented.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, not represented, but their returns forwarded (viz):

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

At a regular communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes agreeably to Charter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, on the 14th day of December A. L. 5808, being the next before the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, in conformity to the —th. article of the regulations thereof the Companions hereafter named were duly chosen by ballot for the year ensuing to discharge the duties of the offices in said Jerusalem Chapter, annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. JOSIAS SMITH, H. P.
M. E. LUTHER E. HALL, K.
M. E. AMOS MARSH, S.
E. SMITH BOOTH, C. H.
E. ROBERT BOSTWICK, P. S.
E. WM. BURRITT, R. A. C.
E. BELDEN SEYMOUR, } G. M. V.
E. JOHN GREEN, } G. M. V.
E. ALMUD HITCHCOCK, } G. M. V.
E. STEPHEN HARMON, Secy.
E. CALVIN HARMON, Treasr.

December 19th, A. L. 5808.

A true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature & the seal of the Chapter.

ROBERT BOSTWICK, Secy."

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont :*

In conformity to the 6th Art. of the regulations of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter the following is a return of all the Members which have been Exalted, Advanced or Admitted into Jerusalem Chapter No. 2. holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of said G. R. A. Chapter, between the 15th day of December, A. L. 5806, and the 19th day of December, A. L. 5808.

Date of Exaltation or Marking.	Members names.	Their standing when petition entered.	Exalted or Marked
Decr. 16th, 5806,	Stephen Harmon,	Master Mason,	Exalted.
Jany. 19, 5807.	Isaac Tichenor,	" "	"
" " "	Luther Loomis,	" "	"
" " "	Reuben Harmon,	" "	"
" " "	William Bott,	" "	"
" 20th, "	Almud Hitchcock,	" "	"
Feby. 16th, 5807,	Samuel Strong,	" "	"
March 16th, "	Ezekiel Dunton,	" "	"
May 18th, "	Frederick Marsh,	" "	"
Sept. 14th, "	Henry Haight,	" "	"
" 21st, "	William Lampson,	" "	"
Oct. 19th, "	Justus Foot,	Mark Mason.	"
" " "	Isaac Hill,	" "	"
" " "	James Warren,	Master Mason,	"
Apl. 18th, 5808,	Jehiel Sexton,	" "	"
July 18th, "	Moses Spencer,	" "	Marked.
Augt. 15th, "	Moses Strong,	Mark Mason,	Exalted.
Decr. 19th, "	Benjamin Clark,	Master Mason.	"

Decr. 19th, A. L. 5808.

A true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature & the seal of the Chapter.

ROBERT BOSTWICK, Secy.

14 Master Masons Exalted,	$42.00
1 do do, advanced to the degree of M. Master,	1.00
3 Mark Masons Exalted,	6.00
Due the G. R. C. from this Chapter,	$49.00."

Several communications Recd. during the recess of the G. Chapter were read (to wit): returns of Champlain Chapter for the year 5807, & Letters from the G. Secy. of the State of Rhode Island, the G. Secy. of the State of Massachusetts, the Secy. of Champlain Chapter & the Secy. of Hiram M. Lodge.

Report of the committee to settle with the Treasr. Read & accepted,

A Communication from a body of M. M. Masons working under dispensation in the town of Windsor was read as follows (viz):

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

We send by our Worthy Brother Elisha Hitchcock, a dispensation distinguished by the name stile, & title of Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, together with the names of the Brethren that have been advanced to the Mark Masters degree by virtue of said dispensation, and request that a Charter may be granted agreeably to our Petition.

SIGNED.

THO. LEVERETT, M.
R. B. BROWN, S. W.
LEMUEL HITCHCOCK, J. W.
JOHN HITCHCOCK, jr.,
GREGORY STONE,
JOEL LULL,
ABISHA HOISINGTON,
JOHN BURLINGAME.

Windsor, Decr. 30th, A. L. 5808."

Whereupon Voted unanimously that a Charter be granted the petitioners agreeably to the prayer of their petition Constituting them a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons to be known by the name of Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5.

The Grand R. A. Chapter proceeded to a choice of their Officers for the ensuing year, & the following Companions were duly elected to the several Offices affixed to their names respectively (to wit):

M. E. Isaac Tichenor, G. H. P.
M. E. John Chipman, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Ozias Fuller, G. K.
M. E. Alexander Milllr, G. S.
W. Nichols Goddard, G. Secy. & G. Visitor.
W. Benjn. Lord, G. Treasr.
Revd. Jonathan Nye, G. Chaplain.
William Storer, G. Marshal.
James Porter, } G. Stewards.
Sturgiss Penfeild, }
Asa Graves, G. Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until the first Tuesday of February next, then to meet at this place at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest, Nichols Goddard, G. Secy.

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Masons Hall, Feby. 7th, A. L. 5809.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont met agreeably to adjournment.

Present.

M. E. Cephas Smith, G. H. P.
W. John Chipman, acting M.
Ebenezer Towner, S. W.
Wm. Frisbee, J. W.
Nichols Goddard, Secy.
Benjn. Lord, Treasr.
Nathl. Hamlin, M. O.
Wm. Storer, S. O.
Ozias Fuller, J. O.

Ezekiel Porter,
Alexr. Miller,
Jas. Woodward,
David Henry,
Jon. Nye,
E. H. Johnson,
Abner Hall,
Jno. Nason,
Jon. Wells.

Opened on the 4th or M. M. Degree.

Br. Joseph Woodward presented a certificate of his appointment as Proxy for the S. & J. Wardens of Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, & to his seat accordingly.

Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, represented by Ozias Fuller, H. P. Benjn. Lord, K., and Ebenr. Towner, S. of sd Chapter.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, represented by Jonathan Nye, H. P. & Proxy for S. & Jno. Nason Proxy for K. severally produced certificates of their appointment.

Champlain Chapter not represented.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, represented by Br. Nathl. Hamlin, & returns recd directed to Br. Ozias Fuller & signed by Nathl. Hamlin, stating that there has not been any advanced in that Lodge the year past, & that

NATHL. HAMLIN, is Master.
TITUS A. COOK, S. W.
WM. COWDRY, J. W.

Morning Star M. M. Lodge, not represented,

Br. David Henry, made the following returns from Temple M. M. Lodge No.——(to wit):

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of all who have been advanced in Temple Mark Master Masons Lodge No. 13, from the Seventh day of Jany. A. L. 5808, to the seventh day of February A. L. 5809. Of which Lodge Oliver Abel, is Master, Timothy Harvey, S. Warden and David Henry, J. Warden.

Names.	When advanced.	Places of abode.	Fees.	Remarks.
Josiah Talmage,	Sept. 1st, 1808,	Williamstown, Massachusetts.	$1.00	
William W. Roe,	" " "	do	1.00	
Jeremiah Colegrove, jr.,	" " "	do	1.00	
Anson J. Sperry,	Decr. 29th, 1808,	Manchester, Vermont.	1.00	
			$4.00	

Benington, February 4th, A. L. 5809.

JOHN WALWORTH, Secy."

Whereupon Voted that Br. David Henry have a seat as representative of that Lodge.

Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5, not represented.

After attending to Lectures the Lodge closed on the 4th degree.

Attest, NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.

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The Grand Chapter Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT..

M. E. CEPHAS SMITH, jr., G. H. P.
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
M. E. EBENEZER TOWNER, G. K.
M. E. WILLIAM FRISBEE, G. S.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
W. BENJAMIN LORD, G. Treasr.
Revd. JONATHAN NYE, G. Chaplain.
NATHANIEL HAMLIN, G. Marshal.
WM. STORER, G. Steward.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor.

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Wells,
Ezekiel Porter,
Jno. Nason,
Thos. Miller.

VISITORS.

Abner Hall, James Porter,
Ezra Clark, Joseph Woodward,
E. H. Johnson.

Green Mountain Chapter represented by Ozias Fuller, H. P. Benjn. Lord, King & Ebenezer Towner, Scribe.

Champlain Chapter represented by Jonathan Nye, H. P. & Proxy for Scribe & John Nason, Proxy for King & presented the returns of that Chapter.

Jerusalem Chapter not Represented.

"CHAMPLAIN CHAPTER NO. 2.

Extracts from the Records.

Feby. 2nd, A. L. 5808.

Brs. Elnathan Keyes & Abner Keeler, Advanced & Exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons.

April 5th. Ballots taken for Bo. Ziba Loveland to be Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, & found not Clear.

June 6th. Ballots taken for Br. Levi Simmonds to be Exalted &c., and found not Clear.

Augt. 2nd. Br. Clement Trobridge received as a Most Excellent Master & Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Sept. On application Compn. Seth Pomeroy was dismissed from this Chapter with reccommendations of his regular standing, &c.

Oct. 4th. Br. Amhurst Willowby Advanced to honorary degree of M. M. Mason.

Novr. 17th. Brs. Nathan B. Haswell, John Peck, & Shadrach Hathaway, jr., Advanced & Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons.

CHAMPLAIN CHAPTER No. 2.

Decr. 6th, A. L. 5808.

Officers Elected to Govern the Chapter the year ensuing (viz):

Comp. JONATHAN NYE, H. P.
" ABNER MORTON, King.
" ANTHONY RHODES, Scribe.
" JULIUS HOIT, Capt. Host.
" BENJN. CHANDLER, Prinp. Sojourner.
" JNO. STODDARD, R. A. C.
" ORNAN TULLER, } Masters of the Vails.
" NEWTON HAYES, } Masters of the Vails.
" ROSWELL HUTCHINS, } Masters of the Vails.
" SHADRACH HATHAWAY jr., Secy.
" REUBEN EVARTS, Treasr.
" DANIEL RYAN, Steward.
" JNO. NASON, Centinel.

Decr. 16th. Br. Amhurst Willowby advanced & exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

True Extracts from Records.

[L. S.] SHADRACH HATHAWAY, jun., Secy."

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A letter Recd. from Companion David Edmond, informing this G. Chapter of his appointment to represent Jerusalem Chapter in the G. Chapter at this session, but that it is impossible for him to attend.

A letter was read by the G. Secy. from the Secy. of Windsor M. M. Lodge, informing the G. Chapter that that Lodge had Elected Thomas Leverett, Master Daniel Barber, Senior Warden & Lemuel Hitchcock, Junior Warden, & requesting that those names may be inserted in their Charter when made out, in the room of those mentioned in the dispensation—whereupon Voted that the Officers' names above mentioned be inserted in the Charter agreeably to their prayer.

A letter was read by the G. Secy. from Companion Isaac Tichinor, signifying his non-acceptance of the Office of Grand High Priest of sd G. Chapter, whereupon Proceeded to a second choice and the M. E. Ezekiel Porter was duly Elected.

Companion Jonathan Nye signified his non-acceptance of the office of G. Chaplain, whereupon Proceeded to a second Choice and the Revd. Ebenezer Hebard was duly Elected.

On Motion of Companion N. Goddard, Voted, That the fifth Article of the bye-laws of this G. Chapter be, and it is hereby repealed and that the following be inserted in the room thereof (viz):

That the fees for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason be Twenty dollars in all Chapters under this jurisdiction; And the fees for advancement of a Candidate to the degree of Mark Master in all Chapters and Mark Lodges shall be four dollars.

The following accounts were exhibited & allowed, & orders drawn on the G. Treasr. therefor (viz):

To Compn. Nichols Goddard,	$175.98
To Compn. Wm. Storer,	6.00
To Compn. James Porter,	5.54
To W. Henry Gould,	16.25

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The following Petitions Recd. during the recess of the Grand Chapter to wit :

" *To the Most Excellent the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The Petition of the Subscribers Royal Arch Masons in regular standing as such, resident in Benington and Towns adjacent, respectfully represent, That the undersigned are by their local situation prevented from regular attendance on any Chapter without an injurious sacrifice of time and expence & therefore for the purpose of associating themselves together in a constitutional manner to participate in the privileges pertaining to this degree of Masonry, & to obtain promote & diffuse a

more correct & extensive knowledge of its principles, they are desirous of your dispensation to authorize them to assemble at Benington as a Royal Arch Chapter by the name of Temple Chapter & transact business in the degrees of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters & Royal Arch Masons, according to the Constitutions & established usages of Masonry until the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter. And if this Petition shall appear reasonable & consistent with the interests of Masonry, We hereby respectfully nominate our worthy & well beloved Companions William S. Cardall to be High Priest, Paul Hawes to be King and Charles Cushman, junr., to be Scribe, until the authority granted to them shall be annulled or others duly elected in their stead. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall, &c.

Bennington, 12th July, A. L. 5809.

Isaac Tichenor,
W. S. Cardall,
Silas Hawes,
George Mosher,
Property Janes,
Samuel Scott,
Gersham Bulkley,
Charles Cushman, jun.,
Paul Hawes."

On the back of the forgoing Petition, was the following certificate to wit:

"FEDERAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 10.

Cambridge, State of New York, July 19th, A. L. 5809.

The within Petition been presented to this Chapter for the sanction thereof, Resolved that we believe the establishment of a Chapter in Bennington pursuant to the prayer of said Petition would promote the interests of Masonry and that it receive the approbation of this Chapter accordingly.

A true Record.

AMHERST WHEELER, Secy. *P. T.*"

A dispensation was granted to the foregoing petitioners by the Grand High Priest.

Attest, NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secty.

" *To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and to the Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The petition of the undersigned Companions Royal Arch Masons now under the jurisdiction of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Humbly Sheweth.

That living in and near the vicinity of the Town of Montpelier in the County of Caledonia and State aforesaid, and consequently at a distance of more than fifty miles from any regular constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, are thereby deprived of the privilege of attending and associating with their Companions at the Communications of any Chapter.

Therefore request you to take our case into your wise consideration & if deemed expedient to Grant us letters of dispensation until the next regular Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, empowering us to open a Lodge of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Town of Montpelier aforesaid with liberty to work upon the degrees before mentioned, And that the same be called & known by the name of King Solomon's Chapter, and that Companion Charles Bulkley be our High Priest, Companion Erastus Watrous be King, and Companion Joseph Freeman be Scribe of said Chapter.

All which is most respectfully submitted by your Petitioners.

May 10th, A. D. 1809.

Chas. Bulkley,
Erastus Watrous,
Joseph Freeman,
Solo. Miller,
Nathan Doty,
Sherman Minott,
Denison Smith,
Sylvanus Baldwin,
Frank Childs,
Tho. Leverett,
Cabot H. Hyde."

The following request & certificates were annexed to the foregoing petition to wit :

"To the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at Vergennes in the State of Vermont, the above named Companions residing at a distance from any regularly constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, request your assent to granting the Prayer of the foregoing Petition. In behalf of the above Petitioners.

CHAS. BULKLEY."

At a meeting of Jerusalem Chapter holden at Vergennes on the 27th day of July, A. L. 5809.

Resolved: That this Chapter can vouch for the moral characters of a number of the subscribers to this petition, but that with regard to others they possess no information, That it has not sufficient knowledge of the Masonic abillities of the petitioners to vouch for them in that respect. But that this Chapter do recommend it to the Grand Chapter of this State to grant the prayer of the petitioners if satisfactory information on these subjects should be communicated to them.

A true Record.

Attest, ROBERT BOSTWICK, Secy. *P. T.*"

"I hereby certify that Robert Bostwick is Secretary of Jerusalem Chapter *pro tempore*, and that full credit is to be given to his attestation as above. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of said Chapter to be affixed this 27th day of July, A. L. 5809.

LUTHER E. HALL, H. P. J. C.

A dispensation was granted to the foregoing petitioners by the G. H. Priest, Oct. 7th, 1809.

Attest, NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest and other Officers & Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The Petition of the undersigned Mark Master Masons humbly sheweth, That your Petitioners having been advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons in Lodges remote from their present residence & being anxious to contribute to the interest of the craft by more frequent communications than what is permitted in their present situation, take the liberty to request that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont will Grant them a Warrant Constituting them a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, sd Lodge to be holden in Arlington within the jurisdiction of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter and to be called & known by the name of Arlington Mark Masters Lodge. And that our worthy Brother Adin Hinds, be the first Master, John W. Brownson, Senior & Tyrus Hurd, Junior Wardens, & furthermore your Petitioners request that during the recess of the G. R. A. Chapter a dispensation may be granted authorizing them to hold sd Lodge in said Arlington. And they as in duty bound will ever pray.

Arlington, 2nd Oct. 1809.

Adin Hinds,
John W. Brownson,
Tyrus Hurd.
Derrick Stone,
Shubael Babcock,
Jonathan Baker,
Simeon Cole,
Roswell Aylesworth,
Belus Hurd,
Anson J. Sperry,
Elijah Buck."

The following certificate accompanied the foregoing Petition.

"In Federal M. M. Lodge in Cambridge in the State of New York, convened on the first Wednesday of Sept. 1809. Resolved, that the Prayers of the within petitioners be granted & that we recommend them to the G. Chapter of the State of Vermont as worthy of the rights and privileges for which they Petition.

Attest, Jno. W. Fisher, Secy."

A dispensation was granted to the foregoing petitioners October 5th, A. L. 5809.

Attest, Nichols Goddard, G. Secy.

MASONS HALL, RUTLAND, January 3rd, A. L. 5810.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont Convened agreeably to their Bye-Laws.

PRESENT.

M. E. EZEKIEL PORTER, G. H. P.
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
M. E. OZIAS FULLER, G. K.
M. E. ALEXANDER MILLER, G. S.
BENJAMIN LORD, G. Treasr.
NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
Revd. EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER, G. Marshal.
JAMES PORTER, & STURGESS PENFIELD, } G. Stewards.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel.

Erastus Watrous,
Wm. S. Cardall,
Gordon Newall,
Lvy Laughton,
E. H. Johnson,
Jona. Wells,
Wm. Frisby,
Cephas Smith, jr.
Billy Todd,
Adin Hinds,
Thos. Tupper,
Ebenr. Towner,
Thos. Miller,
Jno. Cook,
Wm. Fox,

Opened on the 7th or R. A. Degree.

Green Mountain R. A. Chapter No. 1, represented by their 3 senior Officers, & made their returns. signed by James Porter, Secretary of which the following is an extract to wit:

Sept. 12th, 5809, Livy Laughton recd. the Mark degree.

Novr. 14th, 5809, Thos. Tupper & Livy Laughton, recd. the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Two Master Masons Exalted, $6.00.

At a regular Communication of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, Nov. 14th, 1809, Ozias Fuller was duly Elected High Priest, Benjn. Lord, King, & Gordon Newell, Scribe of sd Chapter.

Champlain Chapter No. 2, not represented.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, not represented, their returns forwarded of which the following are extracts to wit:

January 30th,	5809,	Benjn. W. Hopkins,	a Master Mason,	Exalted.
Feby. 20th,	"	James O. Walker,	do	do
" "	"	Henry Wissell,	do	do
June 19th,	"	William Meech,	do	Marked.
" "	"	Lyman Clark,	Mark Master,	Exalted.
" "	"	Joel Green,	do	do
July 17th,	"	Henry Hall,	Master Mason,	Marked.
Augt. 21st,	"	Amos W. Barnum,	do	Exalted.
" "	"	Ezra Hoit,	Mark Master,	do
Novr. 20th,	"	Amos Stowell,	do	do
		4 Master Masons Exalted,		$12.00
		4 Mark Masters do		8.00
		2 Master Masons Marked,		2.00
				$22.00

At a regular Communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, December 18th, 5809, David Edmond, was Elected High Priest, Josias Smith, King and Abner Hall, Scribe, of said Chapter.

The above returns signed,

AMOS W. BARNUM, Secy.

Temple Chapter No. 4, working under dispensation, represented by Wm. S. Cardall, H. Priest, and made returns signed Wm. S. Cardall, H. Priest, of which the following are extracts to wit:

December 2nd, 5809.	Jono. Wheat,	Marked,	$1.00
" " "	Jono. Wheat,	Exalted,	3.00
" " "	Oliver Abel,	do	3.00
" " "	David Henry,	do	3.00
			$10.00

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King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, working under dispensation represented by Erastus Watrous and made returns signed Erastus Watrous, of which the following are extracts to wit:

Reuben Hatch, Saml. C. Crafts, & ——— Austin, Advanced.

Beriah Loomis, Jeduthan Loomis and Phineas Woodbury, Exalted.

Three Master Masons Advanced,	$3.00
Three " " Exalted,	9.00
	$12.00

Voted, that W. S. Cardall in behalf of Temple Chapter, & Erastus Watrous in behalf of King Solomon's Chapter be severally admitted a seat in this G. Chapter.

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Chapter dispensed with during the G. H.Priest's pleasure & opened on the 4th or Mark Masters degree.

PRESENT.

EZEKIEL PORTER, Master.
JNO. CHIPMAN, S. W.
ALEXANDER MILLER, J. W.
BENJN. LORD, Treasr.
NICHOLS GODDARD, Secretary.
OZIAS FULLER, M. O.
EBENR. TOWNER, S. O.
GORDON NEWELL, J. O.
ASA GRAVES, Tyler.
Other brethren as before.

Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, represented by its three senior Officers.

Champlain Chapter No. 2, not represented.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, not represented.

Temple Chapter No. 4, represented by Wm. S. Cardall.

King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, represented by Erastus Watrous.

Hiram Union Mark Lodge No. 1, not represented.

Union Mark Lodge No. 2, represented by John Chipman, & made returns signed Edward Eells, Secy., of which the following are extracts to wit:

The Officers Elected on the 2nd Thursday of December, were

JOHN CHIPMAN, Master.
HENRY KEELER, S. W.
JUSTUS FOOT, J. W.

Three members only have been Advanced to the Mark degree the year past. $3.00.

Temple Mark Lodge No. 3, Extinct.

Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, not represented.

Windsor Mark Lodge, No. 5, not represented.

Arlington Mark Lodge No. 6, working under dispensation represented by Adin Hinds, signed by Abel Aylesworth, junr., Secty., and made returns of which the following are extracts to wit:

Brs. Abel Aylesworth, junr., Silas Knap, Cyrus Canfield, Nathan Brownson, & Shubael Fuller, were advanced to the degree of M. M. Masons, on October 11th, A. L. 5809.

Abner Everts, & Benjn. Bacon were advanced to the degree of M. M. Masons, Novr. 15th, 5809.

Benjn. Lathrop, advanced to the degree of M. M. Mason, February 28th, A. L. 5809.

Jehiel Horton, rejected Oct. 11th, A. L. 5809.

Edmund Graves & William Scofield were advanced to the degree of M. M. Decr. 26th, A. L. 5809.

Nine advanced to M. M. Degree, $9.00.

Voted, that Adin Hinds be admitted to a seat in behalf of Arlington Mark Lodge.

The Lectures on this degree were rehearsed by the G. Visitor.

Lodge Closed.

NICHOLS GODDARD, Secy.

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CHAPTER CALLED FROM DISPENSATION.

On Motion Voted, That a Warrant be granted to the Petitioners at Bennington & its vicinity working under dispensation, Constituting them a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be known by the name of Temple Chapter No. 4.

On Motion, Voted, That a Warrant be granted to the Petitioners at Montpelier and its vicinity, working under dispensation Constituting them a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known by the name of King Solomon's Chapter No. 5.

On Motion, Voted, That a warrant be granted to the Petitioners at Arlington and its vicinity working under dispensation Constituting them a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be known by the name of Arlington Mark Lodge No. 6.

Proceeded to a choice of Officers for the year ensuing, and the following Companions were elected to the several Offices affixed to their names respectively to wit:

M. E. Ozias Fuller, G. H. P.
M. E. John Chipman, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Carter Hickok, G. K.
M. E. Wm. S. Cardall, G. S.
W. Benjamin Lord, G. Treasr.
W. Nichols Goddard, G. Secy. & Visitor.
W. & Revd. Ebenr. Hebard, G. Chaplain.
Erastus Watrous, G. Marshal.
Sturgiss Penfield, & Thomas Tupper, } G. Stewards.
Asa Graves, G. Sentinel.

The G. Officers who were present were duly Installed into their respective Offices.

Companion Jonathan Wells was appointed as a Committee to settle with the G. Treasurer.

A Committee was appointed to wait on our worthy Companion the Revd. Ebenezer Hebard & present him with twelve dollars, together with the thanks of this G. Chapter for the sermon delivered before them this day.

Voted, that the expences of the members at this session be paid out of the funds of the G. Chapter.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to their bye-laws at Masons Hall, Rutland, January 2nd, A. L. 5811.

Opened in ample form on the 4th or M. M. Degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. OZIAS FULLER, Master.
W. ERASTUS WATROUS, S. W. *P. T.*
W. JESSE LYMAN, J. W. *P. T.*
W. BENJN. LORD, Treasr.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, Secy.
JONA. NYE, M. O. *P. T.*
WM. STORER, S. O. *P. T.*
SYLVESTER CHURCHILL, J. O. *P. T.*
Revd. EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
STURGISS PENFIELD, & THOS. TUPPER, } Stewards.
ASA GRAVES, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Jonathan Wells,
Cephas Smith, junr.,
Gordon Newell,
Joseph Woodward,
Ezekiel Porter,
James Porter,
Samuel Barlow,
Chauncy Bulkeley.

VISITORS.

Moses Strong,
Chas. K. Williams,
Abel Page.
Livy Laughton,
William Page,

After a pertinent address to the Throne of Grace by the G. Chaplain, the representatives of Secular Chapters & M. Lodges were called on as follows (to wit):

Green Mountain R. A. Chapter No. 1, represented by Brs. Ozias Fuller, Benjn. Lord, & James Porter.

Champlain R. A. Chapter, No. 2, represented by Brs. Jonathan Nye & Saml. Barlow.

Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3, represented by Br. Jesse Lyman.

Temple R. A. Chapter No. 4, not represented.

King Solomon's R. A. Chapter No. 5, represented by Erastus Watrous.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, not represented.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, represented by Br. Joseph Woodward, Master, Senior & Junior Warden, all by Proxy, & produced a certificate of his appointment, & made the following returns (to wit):

"Return of U. M. M. Lodge No. 2, in Middlebury, Vt., of which Lodge Henry Keeler is W. M. Edward Eells, S. W, Justus Foot, J. W.

To the G. R. A. Chapter next to convene at Rutland in sd State on the first Wednesday of January, A. L. 5811. The following Brethren have been advanced to the fourth degree of Masonry viz:

Reuben Peck,	Abiel Hovey,
Harry Watrous,	John Flint,
Orin Stowell,	Asa Simons.

The above is a true & attested copy from the books of the Lodge.

Attest, JACOB LINSLY, Secretary."

Recd of Joseph Woodward six dollars as fees from Union M. M. Lodge, No 2.

Temple M. M. Lodge No. 3, Extinct.

Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, represented by Br. Chauncey Bulkeley, Master by Proxy, produced a certificate of his appointment & made the following returns.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of those who have been advanced in Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, from the 2nd day of Feby. A. L. 5810, to the 6th day of Novr. A. L.

5810, of whom Ezekiel Buel is W. Master, Pliny Adams, S. Warden & Thos. Wilmot, J. Warden.

William Miller,	Poultney, May 7th,	Fees,	$1.00
Chauncey Bulkeley,	do July 2nd,	"	1.00
	Fees due the Grand Chapter,		$2.00

Attest. ELISHA ASHLEY, Secy."

Recd. of Chauncey Bulkeley, two dollars as fees from Morning Star M. M. Lodge.

Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5, represented by Sylvester Churchill M., S. W. & J. W. all by Proxy and produced a certificate of his appointment, and made returns signed Saml. Putman, Secy. of which the following are extracts (to wit):

" Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, Decr. 12th, 5810.

To Nichols Goddard, Secty. of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont. This being the day of election of Officers in this Lodge, the following Brethren were elected to the offices annexed to their names.

LEMUEL HITCHCOCK, Master.
JOSEPH WINSLOW, S. Warden.
GEORGE LAKE, J. Warden.

It appears on record that from Jany. 12th, 1809, to Decr. 13th, 1809, there were ten Master Masons advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons in this Lodge, and that from Decr. 13th, 1809, to Decr. 12th, 1810, inclusive there were twenty-one Master Masons advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons in this Lodge."

Recd. of Sylvester Churchill, thirty-one dollars as fees from Windsor M. Lodge to the G. Chapter.

Arlington M. M. Lodge No. 6, not represented.

Lectures on the M. M. Degree rehearsed.

The M. M. Lodge dispensed with by order of the G. H. Priest, during his pleasure.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.

Opened on the 7th or R. A. degree in ample form.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. OZIAS FULLER, G. H. P.
M. E. EZEKIEL PORTER, D. G. H. P. *P. T.*
M. E. ERASTUS WATROUS, G. K. *P. T.*
M. E. JESSE LYMAN, G. S. *P. T.*
W. BENJN. LORD, G. Treasr.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy.
W. & Revd. EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
GORDON NEWELL, G. Marshal, *P. T.*
STURGISS PENFIELD, & THOMAS TUPPER. } G. Stewards.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Cephas Smith, junr.,
Jona. Wells,
Samuel Barlow,
William Frisbee,
James Porter,
Thomas Miller,
Jonathan Nye,
Ebenezer Towner.

VISITORS.

William Page,
Abel Page,
Livy Laughton,
Joseph Woodward.
Charles K. Williams,
William Storer,
Moses Strong,

The G. Chapter called off for refreshment & proceeded in grand procession to the Court House, where a sermon well adapted to the occasion was delivered by the G. Chaplain.

Returned to Masons Hall & were called on & proceeded to business.

Green Mountain R. A. Chapter No. 1, represented by Ozias Fuller, H. P., Benjn. Lord, K., & James Porter, S. and made the following returns to wit:

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Annual returns of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1.

At a regular Communication of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, holden at Masons Hall in Rutland on the 13th day of Novr. A. L. 5810, the following Companions were duly Elected to the Offices affixed to their names respectively.

M. E. Ozias Fuller, H. P.
Benjn. Lord, K.
James Porter, S.
Nichols Goddard, C. H.
Wm. Storer, P. S.
Ch. K. Williams, R. A. C.
Sturgiss Penfield, William Page, Abel Page, } G. M. V.
Jon. Wells, Treasr.
William Page, Secty.

The following Persons have been admitted, advanced & exalted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, between the 3rd day of January A. L. 5810, and the 2nd day of January, A. L. 5811, viz:

Abel Page, Jany. 9th, A. L. 5810,	a Master Mason,	Marked,		fees,	$1.00
Wm. Rand, March 26th, A. L. 5810,	a Master Mason,	Marked,		fees,	1.00
Wm. Page, May 15th, " "	do	Marked & Exalted,		"	3.00
Ch. K. Williams, July 11th, " "	do	do	do		3.00
Abel Page, " " " "	Mark Master,		do		2.00
					$10.00

Rutland, Jany. 2nd, A. L. 5811.

The above are true Extracts from the records of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1.

Attest, William Page, Secy.

I further certify, that at a Regular communication of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, held at Masons Hall in Rutland, Novr. 13th, A. L. 5810, the ballots were taken for Uriel C. Hatch, of Cavendish, for the degree of a Royal Arch Mason and were not found in his favor.

Attest, WM. PAGE, Secy."

Recd. from Green Mountain Chapter as fees due the Grand Chapter, Ten dollars.

Champlain R. A. Chapter No. 2, represented by Jonathan Nye, H. P. & proxy for K. & Samuel Barlow proxy for Scribe. Comn. Jonathan Nye produced credentials of his appointment as proxy of the Grand King, but was excluded a seat in that capacity by vote of the G. Chapter.

Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3, represented by Jesse Lyman, King & Proxy for High Priest & Scribe and made the following Returns to wit:

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

In conformity to the 6th Article of the regulations of the G. R. Chapter, the following is a return of all the Members which have been advanced, admitted or exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the Jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter, between the 18th day of Decr. A. L. 5809, & the 20th day of Decr. A. L. 5810.

15th Jany.	A. L. 5810,	Ira Ladd,	Master Mason,	Exalted.
"	"	Josiah Thomas,	do	Marked.
"	"	Stephen Haight,	do	do
"	"	Jacob W. Webb,	do	do
15th June,	"	Mason Ormsbee,	do	Exalted.
"	"	Amos Wiswell,	do	Marked.
"	"	Jedh. Hubbel, jr.,	do	Exalted.
"	"	Ephraim Hubbel,	do	do
17th July,	"	Amos Wiswell,	Mark Master,	do
"	"	Samuel B. Walker,	Master,	do
"	"	Daniel Washburn,	do	do
19th Novr.	"	Saml. Smith,	do	Marked.
	6 Master Masons,	Exalted,		$18.00
	1 Mark do	do		2.00
	5 Master do	Marked,		5.00
				$25.00

At a regular communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, holden at Vergennes agreeable to Charter under the Jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter on the 19th day of November, A. L. 5810, being next before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in conformity to the 14th Article of the regulations of the G. R. A. Chapter, the Companions hereafter named were duly chosen by ballot for the year ensuing to discharge the duties of the several Offices annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. Enoch D. Woodbridge, H. P,
M. E. Jesse Lyman, K.
M. E. Smith Booth, S.
M. E. Luther E. Hall, C. H.
Compn. Benjn. Clark, P. S.
" William Burritt, R. A. C.
Durand Robards, Treasr.
Amos W. Barnum, Secy.
Almud Hitchcock,)
Ezra Perry, G. M. V.
Ira Ladd,)

Vergennes, 20th December, A. L. 5810.

The within & above is a true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature & the seal of this Chapter.

Amos W. Barnum, Secy."

Recd. from Jerusalem Chapter as fees due the Grand Chapter twenty-five dollars.

Temple R. A. Chapter No. 4, not represented.

Their returns forwarded & recd. as follows (viz):

"A true return to the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Vermont, of all who have been Advanced to the degree of M. M. Masons or exalted as Royal Arch Masons, from the first day of January, 5810, to the first day of January, 5811, in Temple Chapter No. 4, at Bennington, of which Chapter W. S. Cardall is High Priest, Adin Hinds, King, & Charles Cushman, Scribe.

Charles Lee, of Hoosack, 5th Novr. 1810,	Exalted,	$3.00
Wm. Ward, " Arlington, " "	do	3.00
Peleg Hall, " Pownal, " "	Advanced, 3rd Decr. Exalted,	4.00
Tachnes Hovey, do 3rd. Decr. "	Exalted,	3.00
Thomas Rix, Petersburgh, " "	do	3.00
		$16.00

I hereby certify the above to be a true Return, Pr. me,

W. S. Cardall, H. P."

Recd. of Temple Chapter as fees due to the Grand Chapter fifteen dollars, there being an overplus in their returns of one dollar.

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King Solomon's R. A. Chapter No. 5, represented by Erastus Watrous, H. P. & made the following returns viz:

"Return from King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, at Montpelier. To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to January 1st, 5811, of which Chapter Most Excellent Erastus Watrous, is High Priest, Excellent Sylvanus Baldwin, King, & Excellent Dennison Smith, Scribe.

Due the Grand R. A. Chapter, for Marking 19 and Exalting 17 agreeably to the following Schedule, to wit:

Reuben Hatch,	Marked,	14th Oct.	5809,	Fee,	$1.00						
Phineas Woodbury,	do	15th,	"	"	"	1.00	Extd.	16th Oct.	5810,	fee,	$2.00
Beriah Loomis, junr.,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	do	"	"	2.00
Jeduthan Loomis,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
Joseph Hawes,	do	21st,	"	"	"	1 00	do	18th Jany.	"	"	2.00
Saml. C. Craffts,	do	3rd Novr.		"	"	1.00					
Eli Austin,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	20th Oct.	"	"	2.00
Nathan Jewett,	do	17th Jany.	5810,		"	1 00	do	18th Jany.	"	"	2.00
Geo. Worthington,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
Silas W. Cobb,	do	7th Feby.		"	"	1.00	do	11th Apl.	"	"	2.00
Chapin Keith,	do	14th March,		"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
Saml. Goss,	do	21st,	"	"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
James Fisher,	do	11th Apl		"	"	1 00	do	17th July,	"	"	2.00
Nathan Hollister,	do	16th May,		"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
Walter Stone,	do	17th July,		"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2 00
Aaron Smith,	do	19 Sept.		"	"	1.00					
Amos Farley,	do	24th Oct.		"	"	1.00	do	20th Oct.	"	"	2.00
Danl. French,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	"	"	"	2.00
Elisha Thayer,	do	"	"	"	"	1.00	do	24th Oct.	"	"	2.00
Reuben Sexton,							do	"	"	"	2 00
						$19.00					$34.00
											19.00
											53.00
		Rect. from Grand Chapter,									12 00
											$41.00

[SEAL.] Attest, NATHAN DOTY, Secy.

At Masons Hall, Montpelier, 21st Novr. 5810. King Solomon's Chapter opened on Arch degree in due form.

Bye-Laws being read, first chose

Compn. Erastus Watrous, H. P.
" Sylvanus Baldwin, K.
" Denison Smith, S.
" Phineas Woodbury, C. H.
" Saml. Goss, P. S.
" Joseph Hawes, R. A. C.
" S. W. Caleb,)
" C. Keith, } G. M. V.
" N. Haseltine,)
Geo. Worthington, Treasr.
N. Doty, Secy.
Charles Bulkley, } Standing Committee,
S. Goss, }
J. Loomis, Steward.
N. Jewett, Tyler.

Closed in due form.

Attest, Jeduthan Loomis, Secy.

A true extract from the Records.

Attest, Nathan Doty, Secy."

Recd. from King Solomon's Chapter as fees due the Grand Chapter forty-one dollars.

On Motion, The following Resolution was read and passed unanimously viz.

Resolved: That no member of this Chapter shall be entitled to more than one vote in the choice of Officers of the Chapter, or on any question which may arise therein, unless he appears for more than one Officer of a Secular Chapter, in which case he shall be entitled to vote as the officer or officers of the Secular Chapter only for whom he appears.

The G. R. A. Chapter proceeded to a choice of their Officers for the year ensuing, & elected the following Com-

panions to the several Offices affixed to their names respectively (viz):

M. E. Ozias Fuller, G. H. P.
M. E. John Chipman, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Carter Hickok, G. K.
M. E. Erastus Watrous, G. S.
W. Benjamin Lord, G. Treasr.
W. William Page, G. Secy.
W. Revd. Ebenr. Hebard, G. Chaplain.
Charles K. Williams, G. Marshal & G. Visitor.
Thomas Tupper, & James Porter, } G. Stewards.
Asa Graves, G. Sentinel.

Companion William Storer was appointed to wait on Compn. Ebenr. Hebard (G. Chaplain) & return him the thanks of this G. Chapter, together with twelve dollars for his services this day, also to settle M. H. Gould's bill of twenty-three dollars, for refreshment provided for the G. Chapter.

Orders were drawn on the G. Treasr. for the above sums amounting to thirty-five dollars.

Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.

Attest, Nichols Goddard, G. Secy.

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Masons Hall, Rutland, January 3rd, A. L. 5811.

Grand R. A. Chapter convened agreeably to adjournment.

Compns. present as yesterday.

The Officers Elect who were Present were severally Installed into their respective Offices.

Attest, Nichols Goddard, G. Secy.

Grand Chapter dispensed with during G. H. P. pleasure.

Mark Masters lodge called from dispensation to labor.

Ordered, That the G. Secretary be directed to cite Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 1, and Arlington Mark Masters Lodge No. 6, to appear at the next annual Meeting of this State Grand Chapter & shew cause if any they have, why their Charters should not be revoked, they having refused to make their returns and to be represented in this Chapter.

Citations issued 14 Decr. A. L. 5811.

Lectures on this degree duly attended to.

Mark Masters Lodge closed.

Grand Chapter called from dispensation to labor.

Companion Williams appointed a Committee to settle with the late Grand Treasurer & Secretary to make report this afternoon.

Companion Goddard presented two accounts one for forty-one dollars, twenty-seven cents, and one for two dollars, fifty cents, which were allowed, and orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer therefor.

Voted that the Grand Treasurer receive from the late Grand Secretary in settlement the following Bank bills viz :

Nine dollars Farmers' Exchange Bank.
Three dollars Chilicothe, do
Three $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, Hillsboro do
Three dollar Concord Bank bill counterfeit,
& one 75 Cent Vermont do do
Amounting in the whole to nineteen $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars.

Grand Chapter dispensed with for one-half hour.

Grand Chapter called from Dispensation to labor, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Companion Ch. K. Williams, appointed a Committee to settle with the late Grand Treasurer & Secretary made report as follows, which was accepted.

" *To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:*

The Subscriber appointed a Com. to settle with the late Secretary & Treasurer of this Chapter, reports:

That he has attended to the business of his appointment, that he finds the late Secretary charged with the sum of five hundred eight dollars, and the G. Secy. is credited on the Treasurers books with the sum of three hundred twenty-three dollars 39 cents, leaving a balance due from the Secretary of the sum of one hundred eighty-four dollars 61 cents, and that he finds the Treasurer charged with the sum of four hundred twenty eight dollars 52 cents. And the Treasurer has produced proper vouchers for the sum of two hundred ninety-seven dollars 14 cents, leaving a balance due from the Treasurer of the sum of one hundred thirty-one dollars 38 cents.

Jany. 3, A. L. 5811.

CH. K. WILLIAMS."

Returns of Champlain Chapter No. 2, for 1809.

" *To the Secy. of the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

[L. S.] The following are the officers elected Dec. 6, A. L. 5809, in Champlain Chapter No. 2.

Comp. JONATHAN NYE, H. P.
" ABNER MORTON, K.
" CARTER HECOCK, S.
" JULIUS HOIT, C. H.
" BENJN. CHANDLER, P. S.
" JOHN STODDARD, R. A. C.
" JACOB TUTTLE, } M. V.
" NEWTON HAYES, } M. V.
" ROSWELL HUTCHINS, } M. V.
" DANIEL RYAN, Treasr.
" S. HATHAWAY, Secy.
" DANL. DUTCHER, Steward.
" JOHN NASON, Sentinel.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of this Chapter this 6th day of Decr. A. L. 5809.

SHADRACH HATHAWAY, jr., Secy.

[L. S.]

"*To the Secy. of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The following are the Members that have been exalted in Champlain Chapter No. 2, from Decr. A. L. 5808 to Decr. A. L. 5809.

Amherst Willowby, Decr. 16th, A. L. 5809.
Lyman Warren, Wm. Beamont & Benj. Tyler, Mar. 8th, A. L. 5809.
Solo. Curtis, received as a Most Excellent Master (having been exalted in another Chapter March 8th A. L. 5809.)
Wm. Cleaveland advanced from a Mark Master & Exalted April 4th, A. L. 5809.
Daniel Dutcher, admitted Nov. 8, A. L. 5809.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of this Chapter this 6 day of December, A. L. 5809.

Signed, SHADRACH HATHAWAY, jr., Secy.

Recd. from Champlain Chapter in part, $1.00
Remains due, $14.00.

Annual return of Champlain Chapter No, 2, St. Albans, beginning Decr. 5809 & ending 5810.

[L. S.]

"The following persons have been exalted in C. Chapter within said year.

Samuel Barlow,
David G. Bright,
Lemuel Page,
Jonas Packard.
John S. Gallup,
Levi Platt,
Isaac S. Platt,

Certified by, ABNER MORTON, Secy. of Champlain Chapter.

Champlain Chapter No. 2, A. Lucis, Decr. 5810.

The following Companions were elected officers for the year ensuing:

JONATHAN NYE, H. P.
SHADRACH HATHAWAY, K.
CARTER HECOCK, S.
JULIUS HOYT, C. H.
JOHN STODDARD, R. A. C.
BENJ. CHANDLER, P. S.
NEWTON HAYES,) M. V.
ORNAN FULLER,) M. V.
ROSWELL HUTCHINS.) M. V.
JAMES FARNSWORTH, Treasr.
ABNER MORTON, Secy.
JOHN NASON, C.
JOHN S. GALLUP, S.

The above is a true copy from the records.

ABNER MORTON, Secy."

Recd. fees due on above return from Champlain Chapter, twenty-one dollars.

The following communication from Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, was read.

"(Circular.)

MORNING STAR MARK LODGE NO. 4.

Poultney, 24 Mar. 5810.

WORTHY BROTHER:

You will please to take notice & communicate the same to the Grand R. A. Chapter that on the 15th Inst. Noah Wells of Poultney, after having applied to this lodge for advancement to this degree was rejected.

Yours Truly,

JAMES SATTERLEE, Secy.

NICHOLS GODDARD, G. Secy."

Voted, That the Grand H. P. be directed to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer to settle the Steward's bill.

Ordered, That Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, be cited to show cause at the next regular communication of this State Grand Chapter, why they continue to make their return to this Chapter as No. 2, in opposition to an ordinance of the Grand Chapter constituting them No. 3.

(Citation made out & delivered Companion Lyman.)

The ordinance made in the Mark Masters Lodge recorded page 120 (records) ratified.

Ordered, that the Grand H. P. be directed to draw orders on the G. Treasurer to pay the expense of writing Charters for the Chapters & Mark Masters Lodges heretofore granted under this jurisdiction.

Lectures attended to on the 7th or R. A. degree.

By Inspection the device on the Seal of King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, is The Ark of the Covenant on the margin of which is written "King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, Montpelier."

Treasurer Dr. To Cash from Comp. Goddard, late G. Secy. $130
Ditto Dr. To do from present Secy. $22

Grand Chapter closed in due & ancient form.

Attest, WILLIAM PAGE, Grand Secty.

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The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeable to their bye-laws at Masons Hall Rutland Vermont on the first Wednesday of Janry. being the 1st day of the month, A. L. 5812.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Revd. E. Hebard the Grand Chaplain, Opened in ample form on the 4th or M. M. Degree.

PRESENT.

M. W. OZIAS FULLER, M.
W. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. M.
W. JOSEPH WOODWARD, S. W.
W. ASA STRONG, J. W.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, S. O.
W. G. NEWELL, J. O.
Revd. E. HEBARD, Chaplain.
WM. PAGE, Secy.
S. CHURCHILL, Treas. *pro. tem.*
ASA GRAVES, Sentinel.
T. TUPPER, Steward.

MEMBERS.

C. Smith, jr., P. G. H. P.
Jon. Wells,
Ch. K. Williams,
Thos. Miller.

VISITORS.

Moses Strong,
Abel Page,
Randall Marsh.

The representatives of the Secular Chapters & M. Lodges were called on as follows :

Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, represented by Ozias Fuller, H. P.

Champlain R. A. Chapter No. 2, not represented.

Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3, represented by Jesse Lyman & Asa Strong.

Temple R. A. Chapter No. 4, represented by Adin Hinds.

King Solomon's R. A. Chapter No. 5, not represented.

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, represented by Asa Clark proxy for Nathl. Hamlin, W. M., who made the following return.

'*To the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont, next to be holden at Rutland on the* 1st *day of Jany.* 5812:

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, in Pawlet return as follows to wit:

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge Stated term 3rd Monday Dec. A. L. 5808.

NATHL. HAMLIN, appointed W. M.
SOCRATES HOTCHKISS, " S. W.
WM. COWDREY, " J. W.

That from the above Decr. Term to Decr. Term 5809 the following Brethren were advanced to wit:

Henry Herrick, jr.,	$1.00	
Wm. Stevens,	1.00	
Saml. Emerson,	1.00	
Benjn. Fitch,	1.00	
Elihue Touslee,	1.00	
Simeon Edgerton,	1.00	
Moses Ambler,	1.00	
		$7.00

At the Regular Decr. Term, A. L. 5809, made choice of

Br. JOHN SERGEANT, W. M.
Br. ASA CLARK, S. W.
TIM FISHER, J. W.

The following Persons advanced to wit:

Br. Abijah Touslee,	$1.00	
" Caleb N. Bostwick,	1.00	
" Calvin Cleaveland,	1.00	
James Moore, jr.,	1.00	
Jerand Lobdell,	1.00	
Israel Fisk,	1.00	
David Young,	1.00	
Elisha Smith,	1.00	
David Edgerton,	1.00	
Edward Cole,	1.00	
John Curtis,	1.00	
		$11.00

Stated Term Decr. A. L. 5810.

Made choice of Asa Clark, W. M.

Jerand Lobdell, S. W.
Benj. Fitch, jr., J. W.

The following Brethren advanced.

Jona. Robinson,	$1.00	
Freeborn Colvin,	1.00	
Benton Brown,	1.00	
Jerand Francis,	1.00	
Benjn. Fisk,	1.00	
Jacob Butterfield,	1.00	
		$6.00
Sum Total,		$24.00

A True Extract from the records.

Attest, David Edgerton, Secy.

This may Certify That at the regular Stated Term of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge in Decr. 1811, Br. Nathl. Hamlin was appointed W. M. Asa Clark, S. W. & Timothy Foster, J. W."

Voted, That the seal to the above return be dispensed with.

Voted, That the reasons assigned by Brother A. Clark, why sd Lodge has not been represented in this Chapter for the three years last past be deemed sufficient.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, represented by Broth. Jos. Woodward proxy for the Lodge, returns made as follows to wit:

"*To the Secy. of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Next to be holden at Rutland on the 1st Wednesday of Jany. 5812.

This may certify that at the annual meeting for the Election of Officers for the M. M. Lodge No. 2, holden in Lodge room in Middlebury, Decr. 12, A. L. 5812, the following Elections were made for the year ensuing.

W. Henry Keeler, M.
Edward Eels, S. W.
Hervey Bell, J. W.
Saml. Mattocks, Treas.
Jacob Linsly, Sec.

Also that the following Brethren have been advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons viz:

Amos Weller, Midy.
Borelia Brooks, Needham.
Amos Lyon, Midly.
John Smith, Shoreham.
Pearl Enos, Leicester.
Jas. Andrews, jr., Salisbury.
Enoch Alden, Leicester.
Stephen Smith, "
Recd. $8.00.

[L. S.] Jacob Linsly, Secy."

Temple M. M. Lodge No. 3, Extinct.

Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, not represented.

Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5, represented by Sylvester Churchill proxy for Jos. Winslow, W. M. who made the following return viz:

"*To the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Next to be holden at Rutland on the third day of Jany. next. A return of all those who have been advanced in Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, from the 13th day of Decr. A. L. 5810, to the 11th day of Decr. A. L. 5811, of which Lodge Joseph Winslow is Master, Lemuel Hitchcock, Sen. & Gains Perkins, Jun. Wardens.

Benjn. Tyler, Springfield.
Asahel Hubbard, Windsor.
Benjn. Alten, Darden, (Lou.)
Danl. L. Phelps, Windsor.
Jon. Wood, Hartland.
Willis Hall, jr., Woodstock.
Ebenr. Harlow, Springfield.
Asa Lull, Hartland.
Isaac Parker, Springfield.
Thomas Prentice, Weathersfield.
Dana Miller, Putney.
Abram Kingsley, Brattleboro.
James Field, Chester.
Joseph Williams, Chester.
Ira Howard, Weathersfield.
Total $15. Fees $15.

Attest, Jos. Winslow, Master Windsor M. Lodge.

[L. S.]

N. B. The Secretary of the Lodge being absent the above return is made on a careful examination of the Secretary's Books.

Jos. Winslow."

Arlington, M. M. Lodge No. 5, made the following return.

"Return of Arlington M. M. Lodge, to the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont from Jany. 30, A. L. 5810 to Dec. 25, A. L. 5810.

	Town.	Date.	Fees.
Reuben Barney,	Arlington,	Jany. 30,	$1.00
Saml. King,	do	do	1.00
Benjn. Spencer,	do	" 31,	1.00
Wm. Ward,	do	Feby. 27,	1.00
Gideon A. Knapp,	do	" "	1.00
Eathan Bradley,	Sunderland,	" "	1.00
Simeon Littlefield,	Arlington,	Mar. 27,	1.00
Caleb I. Luman,	Shaftsbury,	June 26,	1.00
Henry Hyer,	Manchester,	July 31,	1.00
Isaac Randall,	Danby,	Oct. 30,	1.00
Joshua French,	Manchester,	Dec. 25,	1.00
			$11.00

Arlington, Decr. 25, A. L. 5810.

Given under my hand & seal of this Lodge.

ABEL AYLESWORTH, jr., Secy.

[L. S.]

"Return of Arlington M. M. Lodge to the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont from 25 Decr. A. L. 5810 to 26 Nov. A. L. 5811.

Advanced.	Residence.	Date.	Fees.
Ezekiel Hunt,	Arlington,	July 30,	$1.00
Saml. Fulsom, jr.,	do	Oct. 29,	1.00
Freeman B. Hicks,	Sunderland,	Nov. 26,	1.00
			$3.00

Given under my hand & seal of this Lodge.

Arlington, Nov. 26, A. L. 5811.

ABEL AYLESWORTH, jr., Secy.

Voted, That Brother Adin Hinds be admitted to a vote in this Chapter as Master of Arlington M. M. Lodge No 6.

Voted, That the reasons assigned by Bros. Hinds why sd Lodge was not represented at the last Communication of this Chapter be sufficient.

Brother Hebard, the Grand Chaplain, delivered a discourse at the request of the Master, from these words "Charity never faileth."

Lectures on this degree attended to.

Called off for Dinner.

After Dinner Called on, and Mark Masters Lodge dispensed during Master's pleasure.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch degree in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. E. OZIAS FULLER, G. H. P.
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
JESSE LYMAN, G. S. *Pro. Tem.*
CH. K. WILLIAMS, G. K. *Pro. Tem.*
WM. PAGE, G. Secy.
ASA STRONG, G. M. *pro. tem.*
THOS. TUPPER, G. Steward.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel.
Revd. E. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

Ezekiel Porter,
Jon. Wells,
Thos. Miller.
Cephas Smith, jr.
Nichols Goddard,

VISITORS.

Moses Strong,
Wm. Storer,
Adin Hinds,
Tim Fisher,
Asa Clark,
Jos. Woodward.

Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, was represented by Ozias Fuller, High Priest and made the following returns viz:

"At a regular Communication of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, held at Masons' hall in Rutland on the 2nd Monday of Nov. A. L. 5811, being the Communication next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist the following persons were elected officers in sd Chapter for the ensuing year to wit:

M. E. Ozias Fuller, H. P.
E. Benj. Lord, King.
E. James Porter, Scribe.
N. Goddard, C. Host.
Livy Laughton, P. S.
Ch. K. Williams, R. A. C.
Randall Marsh, Thos. Tupper, & Wm. Miller, } Masters Vails.
Jon. Wells, Treasurer.
Ch. K. Williams, Secy.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of Chapter.

Ch. K. Williams, Secy.

[L. S.]

Rutland, Decr. 3rd, A. L. 5811.

"Return to the M. E. State G. C. of the State of Vermont of those who have been advanced, exalted or admitted as Members of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, from the 1st Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5811, to the 1st Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5812.

	When advanced.	When exalted.	When admitted.	Fees.
Randal Marsh,	Master Mason,	Jany. 8,		$1.00
John Gordon,	do	do		1.00
Amos Creppin,	do	Mar. 8,		1.00
Jacob Linsley,	M. M. Mason,		May 14,	2.00
Henry Waterhouse,	"		"	2.00
Wm. Miller,	"		July 9,	2.00
Randal Marsh,	"		"	2.00
Chauncey Bulkley,	"		Nov. 12,	2.00
				$13.00

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of sd Chapter.

CH. K. WILLIAMS, Secy.

[L. S.]

Rutland, 31st Dec. 5812."

Champlain Chapter No. 2, no returns made & not represented.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, represented by Jesse Lyman, H. P., and Asa Strong, proxy for Smith Boothe, King, made the following returns.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

At a regular Communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes on the 18th day of Novr. A. L. 5811, being the next before the Festival of St. John, in conformity to the 14th article of the regulations thereof, the Companions hereinafter named were duly elected by ballot for the year ensuing to discharge the duties of the several offices

annexed to their names respectively for Jerusalem Chapter aforesaid viz:

M. E. Jesse Lyman, H. P.
M. E. Smith Boothe, K.
M. E. Saml. Keeler, S.
Luther E. Hall, C. H.
Benjn. Clark, P. S.
Almud Hitchcock, R. A. C.
William Burrett, Ira Ladd, Orson Bartlett, } G. M. V.
Durand Robards, Treas.
Amos W. Barnum, Secy.

In Conformity to the 6th article of the Regulations of G. R. A. Chapter the following is a return of all the members that have been advanced, exalted or admitted into Jerusalem No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the Jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter between the 20th December, A. L. 5810, & the 29th Dec. A. L. 5811.

5811.			
Jany. 21,	Martin Hopkins,	Mark M.	Exalted.
"	Orson Bartlett,	Master M.	do
Mar. 18,	Orrin Stowell,	do	do
" "	Russell A. Barnum,	do	do
" 28,	Ransom Noble,	do	do
May 20,	Josiah Thomas,	Mk. M.	do
"	Jacob W. Webb,	do	do
July 15,	Russel Rogers,	Master M.	do
"	Samuel H. Hawley,	do	do
Sept. 15,	Wilson Williams,	do	Marked.
"	Daniel Stone,	do	do
"	John Thompson,	do	do
Oct. 14,	John Thompson,	Mk. M.	Exalted.
"	Cyrus Curtis,	Master M.	do
Nov. 18,	Rufus Ferris,	do	Marked.
"	David Hendrix,	do	do
Dec. 2,	Rufus Ferris,	Mk. M.	Exalted.
"	David Hendrix,	do	do

6 Mark Masters Exalted,	$12.00
7 Master Masons do	21.00
5 Master Masons Marked,	5.00
	$38.00

29 Decr. A. L. 5811, the above is a true Extract from the Records of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of the Chapter.

AMOS W. BARNUM, Secy."

[L. S.]

Temple Chapter No. 4, made a return not under seal, which was dispensed with and tho' informal ordered to be recorded.

"A Return to the Most Excellent G. Chapter of the State of Vermont of the several persons admitted to the degrees of this Chapter the year preceding the first Wednesday in Jany. A. L. 5812.

			Fees.
Thomas Scheele,	Marked,	Exalted,	$3.00
Joshua Griswold,		do	2.00
Russell Wilkinson,		do	2.00
Elijah Buck,		do	2.00
			$9.00

Temple Chapter, Jany. 1, 5812.

SILAS HAWS, Secy."

On motion, Voted, that Adin Hinds, K. of Temple Chapter, be admitted to a vote & seat as Representative of sd Chapter.

King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, no returns & not represented.

Proceeded to the Election of officers, when the following Persons were duly elected, and installed, viz :

M. E. OZIAS FULLER, G. H. P.
M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
M. E. JESSE LYMAN, G. K.
M. E. CH. K. WILLIAMS, G. S.
W. BENJAMIN LORD, G. Treasr.
W. WILLIAM PAGE, G. Secy.
Revd. EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
W. WM. STORER, G. M.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, G. V.

Voted, That the M. E. H. P. appoint the Stewards & Sentinel, who appointed Thomas Miller & Asa Strong G. Stewards & Asa Graves, G. Sentinel, who were duly installed.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Revd. E. Hebard, return him the thanks of this Chapter for the pertinent discourse by him delivered this day, & pay him twelve dollars therefor.

Voted, That the Grand Secy. be the Com. for the above purpose.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the Grand Sentinel without further orders, one dollar for each day he attended the State Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the G. H. Priest and the G. S. be directed to settle all the expenses attending the present Communication of this State G. Chapter, and draw an order on the Grand Treasurer therefor, who is hereby directed to pay the same.

Voted, That our Representative in the General G. R. A. Chapter of the U. S. be instructed to endeavor to have the General Constitution so altered as to entitle the subordinate officers to a vote in the State Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the expenses of a Representative from the G. R. A. Chapter of this State to the General G. R. A. Chapter of the United States, be defrayed by this Chapter and a reasonable compensation for his time.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, appeared to show cause, in pursuance of an order of this Chapter at the last Communication.

On Motion, Voted, that Companion Moses Strong be permitted to a assist the Representatives of Jerusalem Chapter

Having made progress in the same, it was, on motion,

Voted, That further proceedings on said order & citation be postponed until next regular Communication.

Voted, Champlain Chapter No. 2, King Solomon's Chap ter No 5, & Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, show cause why their Charters should not be revoked, they having neglected to make their annual returns & be represented in this Chapter.

Lectures duly attended to.

State G. R. A. Chapter closed in due & ancient form.

Mark Masters Lodge called from dispensation to labor and duly closed.

Attest, WILLIAM PAGE, G. Secy.

G. Treasurer Dr. To Cash as follows viz :

Dues of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge	No.	1,	$24.00
" Union M. M. Lodge,	"	2,	8.00
" Windsor M. M. Lodge,	"	5,	15.00
" Arlington, do	"	6,	14.00
" Green Mountain Chapter,	"	1,	13.00
" Jerusalem Chapter,	"	3,	38.00
" Temple Chapter,	"	4,	9.00
			$121.00

Attest, W. PAGE, G. Secy.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to their Bye-laws at Masons' Hall in Rutland, Vermont on the first Wednesday of January being the sixth day of said Month, A. L. 5813.

The Throne of Grace having been first addressed by Companion Nye at the request of the G. H. P.

Opened in ample form on the 4th or M. M. Degree.

PRESENT.

M. W. OZIAS FULLER, G. M.
M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. M.
W. CH. K. WILLIAMS, S. W.
W. JOS. WOODWARD, J. W.
BENJ. CHANDLER, M. O.
E. D. WOODBRIDGE, S. O.
N. GODDARD, J. O.
BENJAMIN LORD, Treasr.
WILLIAM PAGE, Secy.
Revd. EBENR. HEBARD, Chaplain.
THOS. MILLER, Steward.
ASA GRAVES, Sentinel.
WM. STORER, Marshal.

MEMBERS.

C. Smith, jr., J. Wells.
J. Nye.

VISITORS.

J. B. Peters, Jos. Dunham,
Saml. Strong, N. B. Eldridge,
Moses Strong, Livy Laughton,
Abel Page, G. Newell,
Jos. Churchill.

The Representatives of the Secular M. M. Lodges being called upon made their returns & were represented as follows to wit:

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, not represented & no returns.

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, represented by Broth. Jos. Woodward, proxy for Lodge who made the following returns, seal dispensed with.

"Return of Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 2, at an extra Communication holden in Lodge Room on Tuesday Decr. 22, A. L. 5812, to the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont next to be convened at Rutland on the 1st Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5813.

The Lodge being opened Br. Henry Keeler was elected W. M. for the year ensuing.

Br. Edward Eells, S. W. &
" Justus Foote, J. W.

Josiah W. Hale, Horatio G. Bethrany, Daniel Himes, Jabez Pember & Enos Weller have been advanced to the Honorary degree of M. M. Mason during the last year.

Attest, Jacob Linsly, Secy."

Temple M. M. Lodge No. 3, Extinct.

Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, not represented & no returns.

Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5, represented by Josiah Dunham proxy for Jos. Winslow, W. M. who made the following returns.

"*To the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, of which

Joseph Winslow, W. M.
Lemuel Hitchcock, S. W.
Gaius Perkins, J. W.

Since Decr. 1811, there have been twenty-seven Brethren admitted to the degree of M. M. Masons.
Decr. 9, 5812.

Attest, John Anthony, Secy."

Fees $27.00 recd.

The want of seal was dispensed with and returns received.

Arlington M. M. Lodge No. 6, not represented & no re turns.

A Petition read for the Establishment of a M. M. Lodge in Bradford, and for one in Woodstock, for particulars and proceedings thereon see records of G. R. A. Chapter of this day.

Called off and proceeded to the Court House to attend publick Worship, when the Revd. E. Hebard, G. Chaplain delivered a well adapted and pertinent discourse from these words in Ephesians : "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Called on, and

Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, appeared by their W. M. Elisha Ashley and made the following returns for this & the preceding year.

"Return of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, Held in Poultney, County of Rutland & State of Vermont, from the 1st Monday of Jany. 5811, to 1st Monday of Jany. 5812.

		When advanced.	Fees.
Jesse Towner,	Poultney,	Jany 7, 5811,	$1.00
Harry Safford,	do	May 6, "	1.00
Alfred Manning,	do	" "	1.00
John Herrin,	Fairhaven,	Sep. 2, "	1.00
Harris Hosford,	Poultney,	Decr. 9, "	1.00
	fees due Grand Chapter,		$5.00

Attest, JOHN STANLEY, Secy."

[L. S.]

"Return of Morning Star M. Lodge No. 4, held in Poultney, County of Rutland & State of Vermont, from the 1st Monday of Jany, 5812, to the first Monday of Jany. 5813.

Names.	Residence.	When advanced.	Fees.
Wm. S. Billings,	Westhaven,	Jany. 27, 5812,	$1.00
Justus Rogers,	Middletown,	" 4, 5813,	1.00
Saml. Martin,	Poultney,	" " "	1.00
	fees to G. Chapter,		$3.00

Attest, JOHN STANLEY, Secy."

[L. S.]

"At an Extra meeting duly warned & held at Br. A. Thompson's lodge room of Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, Dec. 8, A. L. 5812, proceeded to the choice of officers.

Chose Br. ELISHA ASHLEY, W. M.
BILLY TODD, S. W.
THOS. TODD, J. W.
SETH POTTER, Treasr.
JOHN STANLEY, Secy.
WM. MILLER, } Overseers.
CHAUNCY BULKLEY, } Overseers.
HARRIS HOSFORD, } Overseers.

A True Extract from the records.

Attest, JOHN STANLEY, Secy."

[L. S.]

The device on the seal of Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, as returned by the Secy. of sd Lodge is the letters M. L. No. 4, encircled in a star.

Called off for Dinner.

Called on after dinner and lectures on this degree duly attended to.

M. M. Lodge dispensed with during W.Master's pleasure.

Opened on the 7th or R. A. Degree in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. E. OZIAS FULLER, G. H. P.
JOHN CHIPMAN, D. G. H. P.
CH. K. WILLIAMS, G. K.
ERASTUS WATROUS, G. S.
BENJ. LORD, G. Treasr.
WM. PAGE, G. Secy.
WM. STORER, G. M.

Revd. E. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
NICHOLS GODDARD, G. V.
THOS. MILLER, G. Steward.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Cephas Smith, jr., Jona. Wells,
Revd. Jona. Nye.

VISITORS.

Moses Strong, Saml. Strong.
E. D. Woodbridge, Livy Laughton,
Jos. Woodward, Elisha Ashley,
N. B. Eldridge, Josiah Dunham,
& Abel Page.

The Representatives of the Secular Chapters being called on made their returns and were represented as follows to wit:

Green Mountain R. A. Chapter, represented by Benj. Lord, H. P., Ch. K. Williams, K., & Wm. Storer, S., and made the following returns:

"At a regular Communication of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, held at Mason's Hall in Rutland on Friday the 13th day of Novr. A. L. 5812, by adjournment from the second Monday of the same Novr. being the Communication next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the following persons were duly elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. Benj. Lord, H. P.
E. Ch. K. Williams, K.
E. Wm. Storer, S.
Nichols Goddard, C. H.
Livy Laughton, P. S.
James Porter, R. A. C.
Moses Strong, Eliakim H. Johnson, Gordon Newell, } G. M. V.
Jon. Wells, Treasurer.
Wm. Page, Secy.
Thos. Miller, Sentinel & Steward.

In witness whereof the seal of this Chapter is hereto annexed.

Ch. K. Williams, Secy.'

[L. S.]

"A return to the Most Excellent G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those, who have been advanced, exalted or admitted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, from the first Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5812, to the first Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5813.

	Residence.	When admd.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fees.
Moses Strong, R. A. M.	Rutland,	10 Mar. 5811,			
Elisha G. Smith, M. M.	do		Mar. 10, 5812,		$1.00
Eleazer Smith, M. M.	do			Sep. 10, 5812,	3.00
					$4.00

In witness whereof the seal of the Chapter is hereto affixed.

Ch. K. Williams, Secy."

[L. S.]

Champlain Chapter No. 2, represented by Benj. Chandler, H. P., N. B. Eldridge, Scribe, and Benj. Chandler, proxy for Samuel Wead, King, and made the following returns, seal dispensed with and ordered to be received.

"To whom it may concern, These certify that the following Companions are chosen officers in Champlain Chapter No. 2, for the year ensuing.

Comp. Benjamin Chandler, High Priest.
Samuel Wead, King.
Nathaniel B. Eldridge, Scribe.

Dated at St. Albans, this 1st day of Jany. A. L. 5813.

Attest, Samuel Barlow, Secy."

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, now sitting at Rutland:*

The following are the returns of the members recd. in Champlain Chapter No. 2, for the year 1812.

Charles G. Lester,	Markd.	Passd.	Acceptd.	Recd.	& Exalted.
Burnell B. Downer,	do		do	do	do

Frederick W. Adams, four degrees conferred.
Nathl. B. Eldridge, passd. accept. & recd. & exalted.
Joseph H. Munson, four degrees conferred.
Ezra Hill, do do do
Nicholas Cotrel, markd. passd. accept. & recd.
Abijah Stone, do do do do & exalted.

The above is a true copy of the records of Champlain Chapter No. 2.

Dated at St. Albans this 1st day of Jany. 5813.

Saml. Barlow, Secty."

The following returns from sd Chapter for last year was also recd. & ordered to be recorded.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The following is the annual return of Champlain Chapter No. 2, beginning Jany. 1st A. L. 5811, & ending Jany. 1, 5812.

Daniel Corbett, advanced to the degree of Past Master.
Danl. Corbett, & Joseph Odell, jr., recd. as most Excellent Masters & Exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons.

John Hunter & Reuben H. Walworth, advanced to the Honorary Degree of M. Masters & exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. Masons.

Attest, A. Morton, Secty."

The following return was made from Jerusalem Chapter No. 3.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

In conformity to the 3rd article of the regulations of sd G. R. A. C. the following is a return of all the members that have been exalted, advanced or admitted into Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the Jurisdiction of the G. R. A. C., between the 21st Dec. A. L. 5811, & the 4th Jany A. L. 5813.

Date of Exaltation or marking.		Names.	Their standing when Petition entered.	Marked.	Exalted.
March 16,	5812,	John W. Vine,	Master M.		1
"	"	Johnson C. Thrall,	Mark M.		1
May 18,	"	Robert Giles.	Master M.	1	
July 20,	"	John Cobb,	do		1
"	"	Wm. Hurlbert,	do		1
Sept. 21,	"	Wm. Whitferd,	do	1	
Nov. 16,	"	do	Mark M.		1

"*To the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

At a regular Communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes, agreeably to Charter under the Jurisdiction of this G. R. A. Chapter, on the 15 Nov. A. L. 5812, being the next before the festival of St. John the Evangelist in conformity to the 14th article of the regulations thereof, the Companions hereafter named were duly chosen by ballot to discharge the duties of the offices of Jerusalem Chapter annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. Enoch D. Woodbridge, H. P.
M. E. Smith Boothe, King.
M. E. Samuel Rich, Scribe.
Amos W. Barnum, C. Host.
Durand Robards, Treasr.
John W. Vine, P. S.
Almud Hitchcock, R. A. C.
Russell A. Barnum, Secy.
Luther E. Hall, }
Ros. D. Hopkins, } G. M. V.
John Cobb, }
Asa Strong appointed Steward & Tyler.

2 Masters Marked,		1	$2.00
3 Master Masons Exalted,		3	9.00
2 M. M.	do	2	4.00
			$15.00

Vergennes, 4 Janr. A. L. 5813.

A true Extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of sd Chapter.

Russell A. Barnum, Secy."

[L. S.]

Jerusalem Chapter represented by E. D. Woodbridge, H. P., & Saml. Strong, proxy for S. Boothe, King.

Temple Chapter No. 4, not represented, no seal to returns but ordered to be received as follows.

"A return to the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont from Temple Chapter No. 4, at Bennington.

Officers of sd Chapter for the year 5813.

W. S. Cardell, H. P.
Adin Hinds, K.
Charles Leigh, Scribe.
Peleg Hawes, C. H.
Zaccheus Hovey, P. S.
Peleg Hall, R. A. C.
Silas Hawes, Secy.
Oliver Abel, Treasr.

The following persons have been admitted the year last past.

Benjamin Sherman, Rufus Braley, Mark Masters.

Elijah Buck, Rufus Braley, William McGowan, Wm. Briggs, Royal A. Masons.

Enclosed is fourteen dollars being amount of fees due to the G. C.

George Keach, of Adams, Mass., was proposed & rejected.

There have been no suspensions or expulsions & tho the members are not numerous, they are well united & their present prospects more bright than at any former period.

In behalf of Temple Chapter,

W. S. Cardell, H. P.

Secy of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, represented by Comp. Watrous, proxy for Ch. Bulkley, H. P. & Lovel Kelton, Scribe & made the following returns, seal dispensed with, by vote of Chapter.

"Return from King Solomon's Chapter at Montpelier to the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont from Jany. 1, 5811, up to Jany. 2, A. L. 5813.

Dues to the Grand Chapter to wit:

Lovel Kelton,	March 5,	5811,	Marked.	July,	1811,	Exalted,	$3.00
Warren Ellis,	May,	"	do	"			1.00
Wm. W. Copp,	"	"	do	May,		do	9.00
Micah Haskell,	"	"	do	"		do	
Jude Kimball,	"	"	do	"		do	
John Wakefield,	July,	"	do	July,	"	do	3.00
Joshua Burnham,	Oct.	"	do				1.00
Thomas Howe,	March,	5812,	do				1.00
Ezra Bliss,	July,	"	do	July,	5812,	do	3.00
Wm. Church,	"	"	do	"	"	do	3.00
Silas Williams,	"	"	do	"	"	do	3.00
Isaac Denison,	Oct.	"	do	Oct.	"	do	3.00
Joseph Winslow,				"	"	do	2.00
Adam Duncan,	"	"	do				1.00
Calvin Jewett,	"	"	do				1.00
							$34.00

Nov. 5, 1810, Bro. Josiah Parks, late of Montpelier, now of Boston, was balloted for to be exalted to the degree of R. A. Mason & found unworthy.

A true Extract from the records Jany. 2, 5813.

Attest, JEDUTHUN LOOMIS, Secty."

Voted, That after this Communication none but current money shall be recd. hereafter for dues.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were elected & duly installed.

M. E. John Chipman, G. H. P.
M. E. Charles K. Williams, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Erastus Watrous, G. K.
M. E. Josiah Dunham, G. S.
Benjn. Lord, G. Treasurer.
Wm. Page, G. Secy.
Revd. Ebnr. Hebard, G. Chaplain.
Moses Strong, G. Marshal.
Ozias Fuller, G. Visitor.

Voted, That Comp. Storer be a Com. to thank the Revd. E. Hebard, G. Chaplain for the excellent discourse by him this day delivered to the G. Chapter, and pay him twelve dollars therefor.

Voted, That the G. H. P. appoint the G. Stewards & G. Sentinel, for the year ensuing, who was pleased to appoint Companions Miller & Laughton G. Stewards, & Comp. Asa Graves, G. Sentinel.

Voted, That a Com. be appointed to settle with the G. Treasurer & Secy. & report as soon as may be.

Comp. Williams appointed a Com. for that purpose.

The Citation agt. Jerusalem Chapter postponed from last communication was taken up & on motion,

Voted, That Champlain Chapter & Jerusalem Chapter be notified that this State Grand Chapter at the next Com. will proceed to settle the relative rank of the two said Chapters and that they attend accordingly and that a Com. of three Companions be appointed to report the facts at the next regular Communication.

Companions Williams, Page & Newell appointed a Com.

Copies of the above vote delivered Compn. Woodbridge, H. P. of Jerusalem Chapter & Compan. Eldridge, Scribe of Champlain Chapter.

The Petition for a Mark Masters Lodge to be established in Bradford in the County of Orange, was again read to be denominated Aurora Mark Masters Lodge No. 7.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted & that a charter issue in due & ancient form.

A Petition for a Mark Masters Lodge to be established in Woodstock in the County of Windsor was again read and not having been presented to the M M. Lodge next adjoining sd town of Woodstock,

Voted, That the same be dismissed.

A Petition was read for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Windsor and not having obtained the approbation of the nearest Chapter to sd place, on motion,

Voted, They the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The Stewards presented a Bill amouuting to sixteen dollars 45 cents which was allowed, & an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

On Motion, Voted, that the sum of fifty dollars be transmitted by the Grand Secy. to the Treasurer of the Vermont Bible Society as a donation from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Comp. Fuller presented an account for his time & expenses as Representative to the General G. R. A. Chapter of the United States amounting to thirty-five 5-100 Dollars which was allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

Voted, That the sum of twenty-seven dollars be appropriated to pay Henry Gould's bill for a Dinner, &c., & an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

M. Masters Lodge called from dispensation to labor & duly closed.

Grand Chapter closed in due & ancient form.

Attest, WILLIAM PAGE, Secy.

G. Treasurer Dr. To Cash $160.

Dues of Union M. M. Lodge No. 2,		$5.00
" Windsor M. M. Lodge No. 5,		27.00
" Morning Star M. M. Lodge, 1811 & 1812, No. 4,		8.00
" Green Mountain Chapter, No. 1,		4.00
" Champlain, " " 2,		23.00
do " 1811,		10.00
" Jerusalem, " No. 3,		15.00
" Temple, " " 4,		14.00
" King Solomon's, " " 5,		
Cash,		4.00
Note,		30.00
Fees for Charter, A. M. M. Lodge No. 7,		20.00
		$160.00

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The undersigned Mark Masters, Members of Windsor Mark Lodge or other regular lodges, Humbly Petition the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, that having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote & diffuse the Genuine principles of Masonry: That for the convenience of their respective dwellings & other good reasons they have agreed to form a new Mark Lodge at Woodstock to be named the Washington Mark Lodge and have nominated & do recommend Gaius Perkins to be Master, Joseph Churchill, jr., to be Senior Warden & John Anthony to be Junior Warden. That in consequence of this resolution they pray for a warrant of Constitution to empower them to assemble as a regular lodge of Masons, and then & there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular & Constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the

order and the laws of the G. R. A. Chapter, & the prayer of the Petition being granted they promise a strict conformity to all the regulations & commands of Grand High Priest & the Constitutional laws of the Grand Chapter.

Ephraim Allen, jr.,
Richard R. Smith,
Joseph Churchill, jr.,
Lyman Mower,
Willis Hall, jr.,
Barney Richmond,
Gaius Perkins,
Levi Churchill,
Opher Leonard,
John Anthony,
Cyrus Allen.

Woodstock, Nov. 1812.

Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, Masons Hall, Feby. 1, 5813.

"At a special Communication of Lodge, Voted unanimously that in the opinion of this Mark Lodge it would be for the good of Masonry that a new lodge of Mark Master Masons should be established at Woodstock & that the Petitioners have the consent of this Mark Lodge & we do most respectfully recommend to the most excellent G. R. A. Chapter to grant the prayer of the within petition.

SEWALL CUTTING, Secy. *pro. tem.*"

The foregoing Petition & recommendation was presented to the M. E. Charles K. Williams, D. G. H. P. who was pleased to grant a dispensation under his hand & seal to the Petitioners therein mentioned thereby empowering them to hold a regular Mark Masters Lodge to be in force until the next annual Comn. of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont, said warrant of dispensation bears date 28 April, A. L. 5813.

Petition for M. M. Lodge at Bradford.

" *To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

We your petitioners, Being Mark Master Masons and members of regular Lodges of that degree, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry, and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons, are desirous of forming a new Lodge of Mark

Masters, in the town of Bradford, Orange County, and State aforesaid, to be named Aurora Mark Lodge, and in consequence of this our desire we pray for letters of dispensation, or a warrant of constitution to empower us to assemble, as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of masonry as Mark Masters in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order, and the Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

And we do nominate and recommend our worthy Brothers John H. Cotton to be the first Master, Micah Barron to be Senior Warden and John Mann, jr., to be Junior Warden of the said Lodge and if the prayer of this our petition can be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the Constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Micah Barron,	John H. Cotton,
Andrus B. Peters,	John Mann, jr.,
Bariah Loomis, jr,,	William Barron,
Elisha Thayer,	David Hartwell.

Dated at Bradford, April 10th, 1811."

"Montpelier, October 28th, 5812.

The within Petition was presented to King Solomon's Chapter for approbation, when it was voted unanimously that this Chapter recommend that our Brethren, the within Petitioners, have a dispensation granted them to hold a Mark Masters Lodge either at Bradford or Newbury, in Orange County.

JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, H. Priest.

Attest, ERASTUS WATROUS, Secy."

Note, see pages 109 & 119.

G. Treasurer Dr. To Cash, $20.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, WM. PAGE, G. Secy.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably to the Bye-laws at Masons' Hall in Rutland, Vermont on the first Wednesday of January being the fifth day of said Month, A. L. 5814.

Opened on the 4th or Mark Masters Degree.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. M.
M. W. CH. K. WILLIAMS, D. G. M.
M. W. ERASTUS WATROUS, S. W.
JONA. NYE, J. W.
O. FULLER, M. O.
WM. S. CARDELL, S. O.
JESSE LYMAN, J. O.
BENJ. LORD, Treasr.
GORDON NEWELL, Secty. *pro. tem.*
EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
ASA GRAVES, G. Sentinel.
THOS. MILLER, & LIVY LAUGHTON, } Stewards.

MEMBERS.

Jos. Woodard,
Moses Strong,
C. Smith, jr.,
Eze. Porter,
J. Boothe,
John Cook,
E. Buck,
Ignatius Thompson,
Jesse Lyman,
N. Goddard,
Wm. Storer,
B. Peters,
——Chandler,
H. Horsford,

VISITORS.

Joel Green,
Abel Page.

The several Mark Master Lodges, were called upon to make their returns & were represented as follows viz :

Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 1, represented by Jona. Robinson, proxy for the Lodge, who made the following returns.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

A return of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, Pawlet, Vt., from Jany. 1st, 1812 to Jany. 4th, 1814.

Br. David Robinson, & Br. Simon Stone,	Advanced March 18th, 1812.
Br. Silas S. Meacham, & " Gideon A. Loomis,	" Sept. 16th, 1812.
" Aaron Beebe,	Do

[L. S.]

Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge, Stated time it being the annual Election Dec. 16th, A. L. 5812.

W. Asa Clark, M.
Tim Fisher, S. W.
Henry Herrick, J. W.

Br. Warren Coudry, & " Saml. Dinsmore,	advanced Dec. 16th, 1812.
" William Cobb,	rejected March 17th, 1813.
Br. Jos. G. Hay, " Ira Mix,	advanced March 17th, 1813.
" Peter Stevens, " Saml. Towslee,	" June 16th, 1813.
" Ashbel Fitch, " Elisha Leach, " Ashbel Hulbert,	" September 29th, 1813.

Hiram Union Mark M. Lodge Stated term it being the annual Election December 15th, A. L. 5813.

W. Nathl. Hamlin, elected Master.
Asa Clark, S. W.
Timo. Fisher, J. W.

Attest, Jona. Robinson, Secty."

[L. S.]

Hiram Union M. M. Lodge returned their Seal the Device of which is two Hearts in Union over the Chisel & Mallets crossed, encircled with Hiram Union M. M. Lodge No. 1, Pawlet.

Union Mark Lodge No. 2, Represented by J. Woodard, proxy for Lodge.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be convened at Rutland on the first Wednesday of Jany. next.

This may certify that Br. Henry Keeler is Master, Edward Eells, is Senior Warden & Harvey Bell, Jun. Warden of Union Mark Lodge, for the year ensuing and that Tim Dolly, Whitman Chapman, Ward E. Hunt, & Martin Everts, have been duly advanced in this Lodge during the year past to the Hona. degree of Mark Master Masons.

Attest, MILO COOK, Secty.

Middlebury, Dec. 9th, A. L. 5813."

Temple Mark Masters Lodge No. 3, not represented.

Morning Star Mark Masters Lodge No. 4, represented by H. Hosford.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be holden at Rutland on the fourth Wednesday of Jany. A. L. 5814.

At an adjourned Meeting of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, the following Breth. were duly Elected to the several offices annexed to their names.

BILLY TODD, W. M.
HARRIS HOSFORD, S. W.
BENJA. W. HORR, J. W.
SETH POTTER, Treas.
SAMUEL MARTIN, Secty.
Decr. 6th, A. L. 5813.

Attest, SAML. MARTIN, Secy.

Annual returns of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, from Jany. A. L. 5813, to Jany. A. L. 5814, of which Billy Todd is W. M., Harris Hosford is S. W., & Benja. W. Horr, J. W.

Thos. Goodrich,	Benson,	advanced	Jany. 11th.
Daniel Root,	Benson,	"	Jany. 11th.
Truman Hosford,	Poultney,	"	March 1st.
Jonas Gleason,	Benson,	"	Jany. 11th, 1813.
Benj. W. Horr,	Poultney,	"	March 1st, 1813.
Adams Paul,	Middletown,	"	May 3rd.
Wait Branch,	Orwell,	"	Sept. 6th.
Noah Wells,	Poultney,	"	Jany. 3rd, 1814.

Noah Wells is the same who was rejected by this Lodge March 15th, 5810.

Attest, SAMUEL MARTIN, Secy."

[L. S.]

Windsor Mark Masters Lodge No. 5, not represented.

Arlington Mark Masters Lodge No. 6, represented by Elijah Buck.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Returns of Arlington Mark M. Lodge, Officers of said Lodge.

ADEN HINDS, W. M.
ELIJAH BUCK, S. W.
REUBEN BARNEY, J. W.
BENJ. BACON, Treas.
ABEL AYLSWORTH, Secty.
SHUBAEL BABCOCK, M. O.
CYRUS CANFIELD, S. O.
EZEKIEL HUNT, J. O.
SHUBAEL FULLER, Tyler,

Arlington, December 30th, A. L. 5812.

Attest, A. AYLSWORTH, jr., Secty."

[L. S.]

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Returns of the Arlington Mark Masters Lodge.

OFFICERS OF SD LODGE.

ELIJAH BUCK, W. M.
ABNER EVERTS, S. W.
REUBEN BARNEY, J. W.
EZEKIEL HUNT, Treas.
ABEL AYLESWORTH, Jun., Secty.
SHUBAEL BABCOCK, M. O.
SILAS KNAPP, S. O.
SAML. FOLSOME, J. O.
SHUBAEL FULLER, Tyler.

October 26th, A. L. 5813, Andrus Edgerton, was advanced to the Degree of M. Master.

November 30th, A. L. 5813, Jacob Odle was advanced to the degree of M. Master.

Recd. Fees $2.00.

Decem. 27th, A. L. 5813.

A. AYLSWORTH, jr., Secty.'

[L. S.]

Aurora Mark Masters Lodge No. 7, represented by Andrew B. Peters, who made the following returns, as proxy for Lodge.

"Agreeable to a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, a number of Brethren M. M. Masons assembled at Masons Hall in Bradford, Vermont, on the 9th of Febry. A. L. 5813.

PRESENT.

JOHN H. COTTON, R. W. M.
MICAH BARRON, S. W.
JOHN MANN, J. W.

Proceeded & made choice of the following Brethren for officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

Andrew B. Peters, Treasr.
Elisha Thayer, Secty.
Wm. Barron, M. O.
Ebenr. N. Strong, S. O.
John S. Wright, J. Overseer.

The following schedule shows the number of Brethren that have been advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons in said Lodge and when advanced:

Thos. Currier,	Feby. 16th, 1813,	
Moses Johnson,	March 2nd, 1813.	
Michael J. Noyes,	" "	
Broadstreet Andrews,	" "	
James Dayton,	" "	
Timo. G. Bartholomew,	March 23rd,	
Geo. A. Burbank,	April 6th.	
James Scott,	"	
Joel Mann,	"	a clergyman advanced without fee.
Charles Hale,	April 20th.	
Jona. Smith,	"	
John Page, jun.,	"	
Wm. Cross,	May 11th.	a worthy needy Brother elected to the office of & Tyler admitted without Fee.
Wm. Howard,	May 11th.	
Elijah Davis,	May 25th,	
Wm. Kimball,	"	
Henry Williams,	"	
David G. Foster,	June 10th,	
John Rogers,	"	
Charles Clark,	"	
Daniel Lasslee,	June 23rd.	
Jona. Sinclair,	"	
Abner Bayley,	July 30th.	
John Bayley,	"	
Simeon Stevens, junr.,	"	
Noah Sabin,	August 10th.	
Uriah Ward,	October 12th.	
Horace Bassett,	"	
Clement Parker,	December 28th, a Clergyman admitted without Fee.	

At a regular Communication of Aurora Mark Masters Lodge No. 7 at Bradford, Vermont, the following persons were duly elected officers of said Lodge for the year ensuing.

John H. Cotton, R. W. M.
David Heartwell, S. W.
Ebenr. N. Strong, J. W.
Andrew B. Peters, Treas.
Elisha Thayer, Secty.
Wm. Barron, Jr., M. O.
John Page, S. O.
Wm. Howard, J. O.
Wm. Cross, Tyler.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of record.

Attest, E. Thayer, Secty."

Bradford, Dec. 28, A. L. 5813.

[L. S.]

Received as fees $27.00 & the returns were accepted.

"Returns to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those who have been advanced in Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, from June 16th, 5813, to Decem. 15th, 5813.

By virtue of dispensation.

W. Gaius Perkins, W. M.
Joseph Churchill, Junr., S. W.
John Anthony, Jr. Warden.

Bennett Palmer,	Woodstock,	advanced.	
James Udall,	Hartford,	"	
Henry Luke,	Woodstock,	"	June 16th, 5813.
Alexa. Hutchinson,	Woodstock,	"	
Stephen Farnsworth,	Woodstock,	"	
G. Gould,	Pomfret,	"	
Roger Gillet,	Hartford,	"	September 15th, 5813.

I Certify the above to be a true Copy of the records.

Lyman Mower, Secty.

At a regular communication of Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, December 15th, 5813, agreeable to their by-Laws proceded to the choice, of officers.

Elected Gaius Perkins, W. M.
Joseph Churchill, Junr,, S. W.
Bennett Palmer, J. W.

Voted to recommend the above persons to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the Grant of a charter for said Lodge, and appointed Ignatius Thompson, Esquire, their representative to sd G. R. A. Chapter.

Attest, Lyman Mower, Secty."

Mount Moriah Mark Master Lodge No. 9, rep. by Jona. Nye.

"This may certify that the following Brethren have been advanced in Mount Moriah Mark Master Lodge, Working under a dispensation at Newfane.

Lemuel Whitney,
Phineas White,
Saml. Elliot,
Saml. Stowers,
Luke Knowlton,
Daniel Bliss,
Jona. Robinson, Junr.,
Selah Temple,
Hezekiah Robinson.
Martin Field,
Peorty Fairbanks,
Benjn. Smith,
Jairus Hall,
Silas Finney,
B. M. Atherton,
Thos. R. Green,
Amira Doolittle, Junr.,

Martin Field, Secy."

Newfane, Jany. 1, 1814.

Lodge called off & proceded to the Court House in due order to attend public worship, where the Revd. Ebenr. Hebard, Grand Chaplain, delivered a well adapted discourse, after which returned to the Lodge room, & proceeded to H. Gould's to Dine, then returned to the Hall and called on to Labor.

The Lectures in this degree duly attended to, after which the Mark Master's Lodge dispensed with during the Worshipful Master's pleasure.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch Degree in due form.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. H. P.
M. E. CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, D. G. H. P.
M. E. ERASTUS WATROUS, G. K.
M. E. JONA. NYE, G. Scribe.
BENJN. LORD, G. Treas.
GORDON NEWELL, G. Secty. *pro tem.*
EBENR. HEBARD, G. Chaplain.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor.

MEMBERS.

Ezekiel Porter,
Wm. S. Cardell,
Cephas Smith, Jr.,
Smith Boothe,
Wm. Frisby.
Nichols Goddard,
Benjn. Chandler,
Jesse Lyman,
Thos. Miller,

VISITING COMPANIONS.

Livy Lawton,
Abel Page,
Asa Graves,
Wm. Storer,
B. Peters,
John Gordon,
Moses Strong,
Joseph Woodard,
John Cook,
Joel Green.

The Representatives of the Secular Chapters being called on to make their returns, and were represented as follows:

Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, represented by Benj. Lord, H. P., Ch. K. Williams, K., & G. Newell, Scribe, made the following returns.

"Returns to the Most Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been advanced or Exalted from the 12th day of Jany. 5813, to the 5th day January, A. L. 5814, in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, at Rutland, of which Chapter

M. E. Benjn. Lord, is H. P.
Ch. K. Williams, K.
Gordon Newell, S.
Nichols Goddard, C. of the H.
Ozias Fuller, P. S.
James Porter, R. A. C.
John Gordon, Abel Page, Moses Strong, } M. of Vails.
Abel Page, Treas.
Livy Lawton, Secty.
Thomas Miller, Sentinel & Steward.

John Gordon, Exalted August 10th, A. L. 5813.
James Stiles, Advanced Sept. 14th, Exalted Sept. 14, 5813.
Christoph Webber, " Sept. 14th, Exalted Sept. 14, A. L. 5813.

Rutland, Jany. 4th, A. L. 5814.

[L. S.] Attest, Livy Lawton, Secty."

Champlain Chapter No. 2, represented by Benj. Chandler, as Proxy for sd Chapter, who made the following returns :

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of Jany. Anno Lucis, 5814.

Return of the officers of Champlain Chapter No. 2, duly elected and installed on the third Tuesday of Decemb. A. L. 5813.

BENJ. CHANDLER, H. P.
REUBEN EVARTS, K.
ELKANAH STEVENS, S.
JOHN NASON, R. A. Capt.
ABIJAH STONE, }
SAML. H. FARNSWORTH, } Masters of the Vails.
BUSHNELL B. DOWNS, }
REUBEN EVARTS, Treasr.
B. B. DOWNS, Secty.
JOHN S. GALLUP, }
ABIJAH STONE, } Stewards.
JOHN S. GALLUP, Sentinel.

Attest, BUSHNELL B. DOWNS, Secty.

St. Albans, Jany. 1st, A. L. 5814.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be holden at Rutland on the fourth Wednesday of Jany. A. L 5814.

Returns from Champlain Chapter No. 2, for the year A. L. 5813.
Henry Hall, advanced to the honorary degree of M. Master.
Elkanah Stevens, exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. Mason.
Henry Steenhour, advanced to the honorary degree of M. Master.
Oliver N. Bostwick, exalted to the sublime Degree of R. A. M.
Henry Stevens, exalted to the sublime Degree of R. A. Mason from that of Mark Master Mason.

The foregoing is a true return of the members advanced & exalted in Champlain Chapter No. 2, during the year ending the third Tuesday of December, A. L. 5813.
St. Albans, Jany. 1st, A. L. 5814.

[L. S.] Attest, BUSHNELL B. DOWNS, Secty."

Received fees, Ten Dollars and accepted.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, represented by Jesse Lyman who made the following returns:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

In conformity to the 3rd Article of the regulations of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the following is a return of all the members who have been Exalted, advanced or admitted into Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of the G. R. Arch Chapter, between the 4th of January & the 30th December, A. L. 5813.

Archibald Collins,	Marked Jany. 18th, 1813.
Nathaniel Newell,	" " " "
Erastus Reeve,	Exalted, May 15th, 1813.
Aaron Delong,	" " " "
John Smith, Junr., Past Master,	" " "

At a regular Communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes agreeable to Charter under jurisdiction of the G. R. Arch Chapter, on the 15th November, A. L. 5813, being the next before the festival of St. John the Evangelist in conformity to the 14th Article of the regulations of the G. R. A. Chapter, the companions hereafter named were duly chosen by ballot for the year ensuing to discharge the duties of the several offices of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, as annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. Jesse Lyman, H. P.
" Smith Boothe, K.
Saml. Rich, S.
Luther Hall, C. H.
John M. Vine, P. S.
Alured Hitchcock, R. A. C.
Durand Robards, Treasr.
Russel A. Barnum, Secty.
Russell Rogers,)
Jona. Powers, > G. M. V.
A. Ferris,)
Asa Strong, Steward & Tyler.

The above and foregoing is a true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature & the Seal of the Chapter.
Vergennes, 30 Decemb. A. L. 5813.

[L. S.] Russell A. Barnum, Secty."

Received fees Eleven Dollars and accepted.

Temple Chapter No. 4, represented by Wm. S. Cardell H. P. & proxy for Scribe, who made the following return.

"Temple Chapter No. 4, Bennington, Jany. 5th, 5814.

Officers elected December, 5813.

WM. S. CARDELL, H. P.
ADEN HINDS, K.
CHARLES LEIGH, S.
PAUL HAWS, C. H.
ZACHEUS HOVEY, P. S.
WM. WARD, R. A. C.
P. HALL, }
DAVID HENRY, } G. M. V.
WM. MCCOWN, }
OLIVER ABEL, Treas.
SILAS HAWES, Secty.

Died since last annual meeting, Property Janes.
Dismissed, Joshua Griswold,
Exalted, Col. Jesse Colgrove.
Meeting Thursday before full moon at Comp. Cushman's.

WM. S. CARDELL, H. P."

The returns accepted, the want of seal dispensed with by the Chapter.

Received Three Dollars.

King Solomon's R. A. Chapter No. 5, represented by Erastus Watrous as proxy for H. P. who made the following returns.

"At a regular Communication of King Solomon's Chapter, holden at the Lodge room in Montpelier on the 17th day of November, Anno Lucis, 5813, the Companions whose names are under written were elected to fill the offices for the year ensuing as follows.

JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, H. P.
CHAPIN KEITH, K.
JUDE KIMBALL, Scribe.
JOSEPH HOWES, C. H.
SAML. GOSS, P. S.
AMOS FARLEY, R. A. C.
SILAS WILLIAMS, WARREN ELLIS, WALTER STONE, } G. M. V.
GEO. WORTHINGTON, Treas.
ERASTUS WATROUS, Secty.
NATHAN JEWETT, Sentinel.

Chapter Closed.

A true copy of records.

Attest, ERASTUS WATROUS, Secy."

"Return from King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, Montpelier to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont from Jany. 6th A. L. 5813 to Jany. 5th, 5814.

Due the G. R. A. Chapter for
Exalting Moses Johnson, M. Master of Newbury, 19th May.
Oct. 28th, Marking Wm. Hows of Derby.
" 29, " Thos. Taylor, Wolcott.
Nov. 10th, " Nathl. P. Sawyer, Hyde Park.
" 12, " Benjn. Skiff, "

A true Extract from the records.

[L. S.] Attest, ERASTUS WATROUS, Secty."

Received fees Six Dollars.

The Chapter then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the year ensuing, when they made choice of

M. E. John Chipman, G. H. P.
M. E. Ch. K. Williams, D. G. H. P.
M. E. Erastus Watrous, G. K.
Joel Green, G. S.
Benj. Lord, G. Treas.
Livy Lawton, G. Secty.
Revd. Ebenr. Hebbard, G. Chapl.
Gordon Newell, G. Marshal.
Revd. Jona. Nye, G. Visitor.

Voted, that the G. H. P. appoint the G. Stewards and G. Sentinel.

Thos. Miller and Wm. Storer are appointed G. Stewards, and Thos. Miller, G. Sentinel.

Voted, to appoint a Committee of Five Companions to revise the By-Laws if necessary, which Committee consisted of Jona. Nye, Williams, Cardell, Watrous & Fuller.

There was presented and read, a Petition for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Town of Windsor, State of Vermont, to be named the Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6.

Also was presented and read a Petition for a Mark Master Lodge in the Town of Woodstock, State of Vermont, to be named the Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, now working under letters of dispensation.

Also was presented and read a Petition for a Mark Master Lodge in the town of New Fane, State of Vermont, to be named Queen of Sheba Lodge No. 9, now working under Letters of dispensation by the name of Mount Moriah Mark Lodge No. 9, Newfane.

Also was presented and read a Petition for a Mark Master Lodge in Chester, State of Vermont.

Voted, to appoint a Committee to look into the expediency of granting the prayers of said Petitions, &c., consisting of Companions Chandler, Lyman and Newell.

Voted, A Committee be appointed, to consist of one, to return the thanks of this Chapter to the Revd. Ebenezer Hebbard for his discourse delivered this day, and present him with twelve Dollars for the same.

Comp. Benja. Lord, appointed.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay whatever may be due from the G. R. A. Chapter to Wm. Page, our former Secy., when he shall have made out his bill.

The Chapter dispensed with until 9 o'clock to-morrow 6th inst.

GORDON NEWELL, Secy. *pro. tem.*

Jany. 6th, A. L. 5814.

The Grand R. A. Chapter called from dispensation to Labor.

The officers appointed for the year ensuing were installed in due form.

The Committee chosen to report on the subject of the revision of the By-Laws, reported as follows:

"Grand Chapter State of Vermont, Jany. 6th, A. L. 5814.

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, Respectfully Report:

That they have paid as much attention to the subject of their appointment as the time would admit, and recommend that the future meetings of this Grand Chapter be held on the first Wednesday in June, and that the next meeting be held in June next.

The Committee further submit to the consideration of the Grand Chapter, the appointment of a Committee of Five persons to make report, at the next meeting of this G. Chapter, whether any revision of the present By-Laws of this G. Chapter be necessary, and if necessary to report a complete revised system thereof.

JONA. NYE, Chairman of the Committee."

On Motion, Shall the report of the Committee be accepted ?

Voted, It should.

On Motion, proceeded to the choice of Committee of Five persons to report at the next meeting of G. Chapter of the expediency of revising the By-Laws Consisting of Comps. Jona. Nye, Chs. K. Williams, Wm. S. Cardell, Erastus Watrous and Ozias Fuller.

The Committee chosen to report on the subject of granting the several petitions for Chapter & Mark M. Lodges, Reported as follows.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now sitting at Rutland in the State of Vermont:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition for a Charter by the name of Windsor R. A. Chapter ought to be granted.

And also, the Petition for a Charter for a Mark Lodge at Woodstock, by the name of Washington Mark Lodge, ought to be granted.

And also,the Petition for a Charter for a Mark Lodge at New Fane, to be known and called by the name of Queen of Sheba Lodge, ought to be granted.

And that the Petition from Chester for a Charter ought in our opinions to be postponed to the next regular Communication of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

All of which is humbly submitted by your Committee.

BENJ. CHANDLER, For Committee.

Rutland, Jany. 5th, A. L. 5814."

On Motion, Shall the report of the above Committee be accepted ?

Voted, It should.

Compn. Chas. K. Williams, appointed at the last regular communication of the G. R. A. Chapter, a Committee to settle with the Grand Secy. and Grand Treasr., Reports as follows.

"That the accounts of the Grand Secy. are balanced, and that there is now in the hands of Compn. Benja. Lord, Grand Treasr., $323.04, as will appear from settlement on file Jany. 4, 5814.

Signed, CHS. K. WILLIAMS, Committee."

On Motion and Vote, Chs. K. Williams is appointed a Committee to settle with the Treasr. and Secretary, and report at the next regular communication.

Also to make out a form of returns for the Secular Chapters and Mark Lodges and Certificates to act as proxy and have the same printed for their benefit.

Motion, The Secy. be directed to write to Windsor Mark Lodge and direct them to make their returns and pay their dues immediately.

Motion, Compn. Benj. Lord, appointed to find the old Seal of this G. Chapter if possible, or to procure a new one. Compn. Jona. Nye, twenty Dollars paid by him as fees for Charter for Queen of Sheba Mark Master Lodge, Newfane, Charter granted this Session.

Recd. of Jona. Nye, $20, as fees for Charter.

On Motion, The following was read.

"State of Vermont, G. R. Arch Chapter, Jany. 6th, A. L. 5814.

Resolved, that from and after the date hereof Champlain Chapter at St. Albans, be known and distinguished as "Number two." And Jerusalem Chapter at Vergennes, shall rank as "Number Three," in all proceedings under this G. Chapter, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit to each of said Chapters a Copy of this resolution, and Voted, the above becomes a Law."

From the decision of this State G. Chapter, Companion Lyman, H. P. of Jerusalem Chapter, requested an appeal to the Gen. Grand Royal A. Chapter of the Six Northern States, which was granted.

Secy. Received of Compn. Chandler, $14.00, as fees due from that Chapter (Champlain) to the Grand Chapter for 1809.

On Motion, the Secretary be directed to procure parchments to make out the several Charters now wanted, and to notify those Chapters and Lodges whose Charters are not recorded to forward them to the G. Secy. for record.

The G. Stewards presented their bill for necessaries $33.-78 which was allowed and order drawn for the same.

On Motion, The Grand Treasurer be directed by vote of the Chapter to pay out of the funds the Amt. of H. Gould's bill, $31.00.

The Lectures on the Royal Arch Degree duly attended to.

Grand Treasurer Dr. To Cash, $151.00.

Royal Arch Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Mark Masters Lodge called from dispensation to Labor and closed in due form.

Attest, LIVY LAWTON, Grand Secy.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeable to the Bye-Laws at Masons' Hall in Rutland, on the first Wednesday of June, being the first day of said Month, 5814, and opened on the 4th or Mark Masters Degree.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, M.
W. CH. K. WILLIAMS, D. M.
W. JOEL GREEN, S. W. *pro. tem.*
W. OZIAS FULLER, J. W. "
W. JESSE LYMAN, S. O.
W. BENJN. CHANDLER, J. O.
W. MOSES STRONG, M. O.
Revd. E. HEBARD, Chaplain.
BENJN. LORD, Treasurer.
LIVY LAWTON, Secy.
Revd. JONA. NYE, Visitor.
THOS. MILLER, Steward & Tyler.

COMPANIONS.

Randel Marsh,
———Dutcher,
Theophilus Capen, Jr.,
Asa Graves,
Abel Page,
Elnathan Darling.

The several Mark Masters Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, were called upon, made their returns and were represented as follows viz:

No. 1.

Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge represented by Jonathan Robinson, proxy for said Lodge, who made the following returns.

[L. S.]

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced to the Honorary degree of Mark Master Masons in Hiram Union Mark Lodge No. 1, Pawlet, from December 15th, A. L. 5813, to June 1st, A. L. 5814, of which Nathl. Hamlin is Master, Asa Clark, Senior Warden, and Timothy Fisher, Junior Warden.

Prosper Adams,	of Pawlet,	Advanced	Jany. 12th,	$1.00
Phineas Strong,	" "	"	" 12th,	1.00
Azariah Hillard,	" "	"	"	1.00
Henry Wooster,	" "	"	March 16th,	1.00
Dater Allen,	" "	"	" 16th,	1.00
				$5.00

Attest, JONATHAN ROBINSON, Secy."

Received Fees as above $5.00.

No. 2.

Union Mark Masters Lodge represented by Samuel Mattocks, who made the following returns from said Lodge.

[L. S.]

"This may certify that Henry Keeler is Master, Edward Eells, Senr. Warden, Harvey Bell, Junr. Warden, and Samuel Mattocks, is Treasurer of this Lodge for the year ensuing, from the second Thursday of December last past.

Also, that Silas Wetherbee, Farmary Hemenway, Augustus Grovner, Samuel S. Crook and Rowland Hack, have been advanced to the Hon'y degree of Mark Master Masons since the second Thursday of December last past.

I certify also that Br. Samuel Mattock is this day appointed a delegate to represent this Lodge in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont to be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June next.

Done in Lodge Room this 2nd Thursday of April, A. L. 5814, in Union Mark Masters Lodge, Middlebury.

Attest, MILO COOK, Secy."

No. 3.

Temple Mark Masters Lodge not represented.

No. 4.

Morning Star Mark Masters represented by Billy Todd, who made the following returns from said Lodge.

[L. S.]

"Returns to the M. E. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been advanced to the Honorary degree of Mark Master in Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, in Poultney, from the 3rd day of Jany. A. L. 5814, of which M. M. Lodge, Billy Todd is Master, Harris Horsford, Senior Warden and Benja. Horr, Junior Warden.

Joel Beeman, advanced March 7th. Jesse Fifield, of Middletown, May 2nd. John Fuller of Hampton, May 2nd. Royal Dennis of Fairhaven, May 2nd.

Poultney, 1st June, A. L. 5814.

BILLY TODD, Master."

Recd as fees $4.00.

No. 5.

Windsor Mark Masters Lodge was not represented but received the following Returns without Seal.

"*To the Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

The following persons have been admitted to the Honorary degree of Mark Masters Masons at Windsor Mark Masters Lodge during the last year viz:

John Butterfield & Eli Tarbell, advanced Sept. 8th, 1813.

Brother John Walker,	June 9, 1813.
" M. Cobb	" " "
" R. Wait	" " "
" Js. Law	" " "
" W. W. Williams	" " "
" G. Graves	" " "
" Levi Harlow	Mch. 9, 1814.
" Wm. Harlow	" " "
" Calvin Haskell	" " "
" Frederick Pettis	" " "
" James Stocker	" " "
" Juns. Nutting	" " "
" Solo. Dow	" " "
" Chas. Livermore	" " "
" Lewis Harlow	" " "
" Daniel Wild	June 8, "
" Roswell Redfield	" " "

Recd as fees $19.00.

The foregoing is a true return as appears by the books now in my possession.

Attest, J. Dunham, Secretary Windsor Mark Lodge."

No. 6.

[L. S.]

Arlington Mark Masters Lodge represented by Elijah Buck, who made the following Returns.

"ARLINGTON M. MASTERS LODGE NO. 6.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The 27th of December A. L. 5813 to the 26th of April, A. L. 5814, inclusive.

Advanced to the Honorary Degree of M. Master.

Solomon Edy Millard,	March 29th, 5814.
Samuel Ellsworth, jr.,	" " "
Benajah Cook,	April 26, "

Recd as fees, $3.00.

The following are the officers of Arlington Mark Masters Lodge viz:

Elijah Buck, W. Master.
Abner Evarts, Senior Warden.
Reuben Barney, Junior "
Ezekiel Hunt, Treasurer.
Abel Aylesworth, Jr., Secretary.
Shubal Babcock, Master.
Silas Knap, Senior Overseer,
Samuel Fulsome, Junior Overseer.
Arlington, May 28, A. L. 5814.

Abel Aylesworth, Junr., Secy."

Aurora Mark Masters Lodge No. 7, not represented.

No. 8.

Washington Mark Masters Lodge No. 8, represented by Barney Richmond proxy for W. Master who made the following returns.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons in Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, in Woodstock, of whom

Gaius Perkins, is Master.
Joseph Churchill, Jr., Senior Warden,
Bennet Palmer, Junior Warden.
From Dec. 15, 5813 to May 4th, 5814.

David Bugbee	of Pomfret,	advanced	to the	Mark	Degree,	May 26,	5814.
Abial Bugbee, Jr.,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lemuel Richmond,	Barnard,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lyman Lewis,	Norwich,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Enos Lewis,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Henry Boyce,	Bridgewater,	"	"	"	May	4,	5814.
George E. Wales,	Hartford,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wm. Ellis,	Woodstock,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Elihu Emmons,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Eleazer Davis,	Hartford,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Thos. Gross,		"	"	"	"	"	"
Lyman Fay,	Royalton,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rufus Copeland,	Bethel,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wm. Caryl,	Barnard,	"	"	"	"	"	"
Benjamin Briggs,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Asa Briggs,		"	"	"	"	"	"
John S. Bushnell,		"	"	"	"	"	"

Recd as fees $17.00.

The above is a true Copy from the original Records.

Attest, JONA. ANTHONY, Secy. W. M. Lodge."

No. 9.

Queen of Sheba Mark Master Lodge represented by Revd. Jona. Nye, who made the following returns.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Masons in the Queen of Sheba Mark Lodge No. 9, from the first day of Jany. 5814, of which Lodge the Revd. Jona. Nye, is Master, Joseph Metcalf, Senior Warden, and Lemuel Whitney, Junior Warden.

David Leavitt,	Jany. 18, 5814.	Fees	$1.00
Samuel Chamberlain,	Feb. 15, "	"	1.00
Ithemer Chamberlain, Jr.,	" " "	"	1.00
Nathl. Chamberlain,	" " "	"	1.00
Asa Black,	March, 14, "	"	1.00
Ebenezer Jones,	" " "	"	1.00
Saml. Kenney,	" " "	"	1.00
Geo. F. A. Atherton,	May 17, "	"	1.00
Joshua Britton,	" " "	"	1.00
	Recd as fees,		$9.00

Jany. 18th, 5814, The ballots were taken for Elisha Converse, of Wardsboro, to be advanced and was rejected.

May 17, 5814, Abner Perry, of Dover, was rejected in this Lodge.

A True Copy of Record.

Attest, MARTIN FIELD, Secy."

New Fane, May 30, 1814.

Lodge called off and proceeded to the Court House to attend public Worship, where the Revd. E. Hebard Grand Chaplain delivered a well adapted discourse, after which returned to the Lodge room, and proceeded from thence to H. Gould's to dine, then returned to the Hall where the Lodge was called to Labor.

The Lectures in this Degree were duly attended to and the Mark Masters Lodge was closed in due form.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. H. P.
M. E. CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, D. G. H. P.
M. E. JOEL GREEN, G. K. *pro. tem.*
M. E. MOSES STRONG, G. S. "
E. BENJA. LORD, G. Treasurer.
E. LIVY LAWTON, G. Secy.
THOS. MILLER, G. Tyler.

COMPANIONS.

Benja. Chandler,
Nathl. B. Eldridge,
Ozias Fuller,
Asa Graves,
Theoph. Capen, Jr.,
Nichols Goddard,
Ezekiel Porter,
Daniel Dutcher,
Jesse Lyman,
Randall Marsh,
Abel Page,
Elnathan Darling,
Wm. Storer,
James Porter.

The Representatives of the Secular Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the State Grand Chapter were called upon to make their Returns, and were represented as follows viz:

Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, Represented by Benjamin Lord, H. P., Chas. K. Williams, K. and Gordon Newell, Scribe of said Chapter, who made the following Returns

"*To the Most Excellent, The Grond Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced or exalted in said Chapter from the 5th day of Jany. A. L. 5814 to the first day of June A. L. 5814, of which.

M. E. Benja. Lord, is H. P.

Chas. K. Williams, K.
Gordon Newell, S.
Nichols Goddard, Capt. of H.
Ozias Fuller, P. S.
Jas. Porter, R. A. C.
John Gordon,)
Abel Page, } M. V.
Moses Strong,)
Abel Page, Treas.
Livy Lawton, Secy.
Thos. Miller, S. & Tyler.

Jabez Proctor, of Cavendish, Exalted, Jany. 11, 5814.
Theophilus Capen, Jr., Pittsford, Exalted, May 17, Extra Meeting.
Elnathan Darling, Rutland, " " 17, " "

Received as fees $9.00.

Rutland, May 29th, A. L. 5814.

Attest, Livy Lawton, Secy."

Champlain Chapter No. 2, represented by Benja. Chandler, H. Priest of said Chapter, proxy for King and Scribe, who made the following returns.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been exalted in Champlain Chapter No. 2, of which

BENJ. CHANDLER, is High Priest.

REUBEN EVARTS, is King.

N. W. KINGMAN, is Scribe.

Harmon Graves,	of Plattsburgh,	Exalted,	Mch. 28,	A. L. 1814.
James Trowbridge,	"	"	"	"
Gillead Sperry,	"	"	"	"
Hiram Safford,	"	"	"	"
Lucius Young,	of Danville,	Advanced,	May 17,	1814.

Recd. as fees $13.00.

St. Albans, May 27, A. L. 5814.

Attest. BUSHNELL B. DOWNS, Secy."

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, represented by Jesse Lyman, H. Priest of sd Chapter & proxy who made the following returns.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

In conformity to the Sixth Article of the regulations of said Royal Arch Chapter, the following is a return of all the Members which have been advanced, admitted or exalted into Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter between the 30th December A. L. 5813, and 30th May A. L. 5814.

Uzal Piersons,	Exalted		Jany 17th,	1814.	
Zeba Piersons,	"		" "	"	
Harvey Bell,	"		" "	"	
Thomas Tracy,			" "	"	Marked.
Robert Giles, Mark M.	"		" 18,	"	
Martin G. Schellhoven,	Master,	Exalted,	" "	"	
Daniel Patrick,	"	"	March 22d,	"	
Gustavus R. Brown,	"	"	"	"	
Samuel Kettletay,	"	"	"	"	
William M. Gaige,	"	"	April 4th,	"	
George Beal, Jr.,	"	"	"	"	
Samuel Bush,	"	"	May 24th,	"	
John T. Lacy,	"	"	"	"	
Ward E. Hunt,	Mark M.	"	"	"	

At a regular Communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, holden at Vergennes, agreeable to Charter under the Jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter on the 15th day of November, A. L. 5813, being the next before the festival of St. John the Evangelist, in conformity to the 14th Article of the regulations of the G. R. A. Chapter, the Companions hereafter named were duly chosen by Ballot for the year ensuing to discharge the duties of the several offices annexed to their names respectively,

M. E. Jesse Lyman, H. P.
M. E. Smith Booth, K.
M. E. Samuel Rich, S.
A. Hitchcock, R. A. C.
Durand Robbard, Treas.
Russell A. Barnum, Secy.
Luther E. Hall, C. H.
John McVine, P. S.
Asa Strong, Steward & Tyler.
Russell Rogers, }
Joseph Powers, } G. M. V.
Alanson Ferris, }

The above and foregoing is a true extract of the Records of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature and Seal of the Chapter.

Russell A. Barnum, Secy.

[L. S.]

Vergennes, 30th May, A. L. 5814."

Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 4, not represented.

King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter No. 5, not represented.

Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, represented by Rev. Jona. Nye, who made the following returns.

"WINDSOR, May 26th, A. L. 5814.

I hereby certify that the following are the names of all those who have been exalted in Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, since the receipt of the Charter.

Frederick Pettis,
Thos. F. Saxton,
Stephen Rice,
Benja. Tyler,
Phineas White,
Thos. Leland,
John Tyler,
Henry H. Sylvester.
Joel Lull,
Rufus Root,
George E. Wales,
James Law,
Thomas Gross,
Jesse Lull,
Benja. Tuells,

Herewith are the fees to the Grand Chapter by Br. Nye, our representative, $45.00.

THOS F. SAXTON, Secy. *pro. tem.*"

"*To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Vermont in Grand Chapter Convened:*

We your petitioners most humbly show that we are regular Mark Master Masons, that having the prosperity of Masonry at heart we are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry. But from the remote situation in which we are placed from any Lodge of the above description we are desirous of forming a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the town of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, to be named "Rising Sun."

That in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of Constitution to empower us to assemble as a legal Lodge of Mark Master Masons and discharge the duties in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

That we have nominated and do recommend Br. Artemas Robbins to be our first Master. Br. Christo. Webber to be our first Senior, and Br. Joshua Lealand to be our first Junior Wardens of said Lodge. That if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted we promise a strict conformity to all the Constitutional Laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Signed by

Artemas Robbins,
Joseph Williams,
Wm. Williams,
Salmon Dutton,
James Styles,
Asahel Earle.
Eben Fisk,
James Field, Jr.,
Christopher Webber,
Uriel C. Hatch,
Joshua Leland,

Chester, May 25th, 1814."

"Windsor Mark Lodge, No. 5, June 5, A. L. 5813.

On application of a number of Brethren, members of this Mark Lodge, who are wishing to obtain a new Mark Lodge in Chester.

Voted unanimously, that the petitioners have the approbation of this Mark Lodge, for a new Mark Lodge to be holden in Chester, and would respectfully recommend to the M. E. Gr. High Priest that a Dispensation be granted the Petitioners.

JOHN ANTHONY, Secy."

On Motion, Voted, a Committee be chosen to Report on the expediency of granting the prayer of the foregoing petitioners for a new Mark Lodge at Chester, said Committee consisting of Compans. Benja. Lord, Chas. K. Williams, and Jesse Lyman, who made the following Report:

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now sitting:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the within petition, beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer of the same ought to be granted.

BENJA. LORD, for Committee.

Rutland, June 1st, A. L. 5814."

On Motion, Shall the Report of the above Committee be accepted?

Voted, it should, and the Secy be directed to make out a Charter in due Ancient form.

Recd as fees for Chester Mark M. Lodge, $20.00.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were elected and duly installed :

M. E. John Chipman, G. H. P.
M. E. Moses Strong, D. G. H. P.
M. E. John Lyman, G. K.
M. E. Gordon Newell, G. S.
Benja. Lord, G. Treas.
Livy Lawton, G. Secy.
Rev. Jona. Nye, G. Chaplain.
Nathl. B. Eldridge, G. Marshal.
Ozias Fuller, G. Visitor.
Thos. Miller, Sentinel & Steward.

Voted that Compan. Benjamin Lord be a Committee to thank the Rev. Eben. Hebard for the excellent discourse by him this day delivered to the Grand Chapter, and pay him twelve dollars therefor.

The Committee chosen at the last communication to examine and see if it was necessary to have a general revision of the By-Laws, report as follows :

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now sitting :*

The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of a general revision of the By-Laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, beg leave to report :

That in their opinion there is no necessity for an alteration, or general revision of the present By-Laws.

Jona. Nye,
Chas. K. Williams, } For Committee."

On Motion, Voted that the Secretary of this Chapter be allowed the sum of Ten dollars annually for his services, and the sum of Five dollars for each Charter which he shall write or procure to be written in addition to the sum which he may have to pay for parchments, and that the Secretary have the same compensation for his services the year past, and for the Charters which he has written.

The Secretary on motion be directed to write the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and each State Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General G. R. A. Chapter, and inform of the day of the Sitting of this Grand Chapter as well as the officers of the same for each year.

On Motion, Voted Compan. Chas. K. Williams be committee to settle with the Treasurer & Secretary, and report at the next Communication.

On Motion, Voted the Treasurer be directed to pay from the funds of the Chapter the amt. of Henry Gould's bill, amounting to $23.25, including Music.

Compan. Benja. Lord presented a bill against the Chapter of $43.50, and on Motion, voted it be allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

Livy Lawton presented an acct. against the Chapter for $1.38. Voted it be allowed and an order drawn for the same.

Thos. Miller, Steward, presented an account of $27.47 as Steward, and on Motion, Voted it be allowed, and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved and Voted, That the Secy. be directed to forthwith notify Mark Lodge No. 5, at Windsor, that they appear at the next Stated Communication of the Grand R. A. Chapter with their jewels and Charter, and then and there show cause if any they have, why their Charter should not be taken from them, for not having paid their dues to this Chapter, agreeable to the Constitution and By-laws.

Recd. from Compan. Dunham, Fifty Dollars on account of Charter for Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, June 2d, 1814.

The Lectures in this Degree duly attended to.

G. Treasurer Dr. To Cash as follows viz :

Dues of Hiram Union M. M. Lodge,	No.	1,	$5.00
" Union M. M. Lodge,	"	2,	5.00
" Morning Star M. M. Lodge,	"	4,	4.00
" Windsor M. M. Lodge,	"	5,	19.00
" Arlington M. M. Lodge,	"	6,	3.00
" Washington M. M. Lodge,	"	8,	17.00
" Queen of Sheba Lodge,	"	9,	9.00
" Green Mountain Chapter,	"	1,	9.00
" Champlain Chapter,	"	2,	13.00
" Jerusalem Chapter,	"	3,	37.00
" Windsor Royal Arch Chapter,	"	6,	45.00
" Windsor Mark Lodge (Charter for Chester).	"	5,	20.00
" Windsor R. A. Chapter,			50.00
			$236.00

Grand Royal Arch Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, LIVY LAWTON, Grand Secy.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeable to the By-Laws at Masons' Hall in Rutland, on the first Wednesday of June, it being the 7th day Anno Lucis 5815, and opened on the 4th or Mark Masters Degree, when were

PRESENT.

W. JOHN CHIPMAN, W. G. M.
W. CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, D. M.
W. OZIAS FULLER, S. W.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD, J. W.
MOSES STRONG, M. O.
ELNATHAN DARLING, S. O.
JAMES PORTER, J. O.
BENJA. LORD, Treas.
LIVY LAWTON, Secy.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor.
THOMAS MILLER, Steward & Sentl.

The several Mark Masters Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows.

No. 1.

Hiram Union Mark Master Lodge, not represented, but received the following returns.

[L. S.]

"The undersigned has the Honor to State, that since the Annual Session of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont, the following Brethren have received the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons in this Lodge, viz :

Minor Hillyard,	Danby.
David Weeks,	Pawlet.
Aaron Curtis,	"
Return Strong,	"
Erastus S. Monroe,	Wells.
Zaccheus Prescott,	Rupert.
Recd Fees $6.00	

G. A. Loomis, Secy.

Pawlet, June 15, 5815."

Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 2, represented by Orrin Stowell, who made the following returns.

[L. S.]

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to be convened at Rutland June the first Wednesday, A. L.* 5815 :

The following are the number of Brethren which have been advanced to the 4th degree of Mark Master Masons in Union Lodge No. 2, in Middlebury, from June, A. L. 5814, to June, A. L. 5815.

Bro.	John Houghton,	Bro.	Asher Nichols,
"	Daniel Sanford,	"	Marvel Parker,
"	Harvey Johnson,	"	Henry G. Sumner,
"	George H. Sumner,	"	Ezra Gates,
"	John Hacket,	"	Joel Boardman,
"	Saml. Bryant,	"	Moses Ayers,
"	John M. Weeks,	"	Danl. A. A. Buck.

Officers of said Lodge are:
HENRY KEELER, Master.
EDWARD EELS, S. W., and the late Bro.
HERVEY BELL, J. W.

Recd. as fees $14.00.

August 11th, A. L. 5814.

The petition of Bro. Eliakim Rice of Salisbury to be advanced to the 4th Degree of Masonry was unanimously rejected by this Lodge, in Lodge Room, Middlebury, April 14th, A. L. 5815.

On Motion, Voted that Bro. Orrin Stowell be and he is hereby appointed to represent this Mark Lodge in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to be convened at Rutland on the first Wednesday June next.

Attest, SAML. BRYANT, Secy."

No. 4.

"Returns of Morning Star Mark Lodge held at Poultney in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, from 2d June 1814 to June 1815.

Chester McChere,
James Conkey,
John P. Colburn,
Saml. Wait,
Ephraim Scovill,
Leicester Griswold,
Daniel Rumsey,
Philo Horsford.
Saml. Stanley,
Benja. Pardey,
Jabez Josselyn,
David Sanderson,
Daniel Parsons,
Mather Hickok,
Jonathan Stanley,

Recd. as fees $15.00.

Attest, THOMAS TODD, Secy."

N. B.—Officers of Morning Star Mark Master Lodge, No. 4, for the year 1815, are

W. M. HARRIS HOSFORD.
S. W. BENJA. W. HORR.
J. W. TRUMAN HORSFORD.

Attest, THOS. TODD, Secy.

Windsor Mark Master Lodge, No. 5, Represented by Jona. Williams and Bazahel Wood who made the following Returns.

[L. S.]

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be convened at Rutland in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, on the first Wednesday of June next ensuing.

This may certify that
Bro. Moses Cobb is Master.
" Bazahel Wood is Senior Warden.
" Robinson Smiley is Junior Warden.
Of Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5 for the year ensuing.

That there has been advanced in said Lodge the following persons to the Honorary degree of Mark Master Masons, viz. :

Bro. Leonard Walker,	Bro. Thos. Gould,
Henry W. Read,	Levi Hart,
Lewis Harlow,	Lemuel D. Sabins,
Elijah G. Holden,	Russell Streeter,
David Oaks,	Saml. M. Lewis,
Phillip Safford,	Burnam Harlow,
John Holton,	John Putnam,
James Watson,	Nomlas Cobb.

Recd. as fees $16.

Springfield, June 3d, Anno Lucis 5815.

Attest, Ethan Allen, Secy."

"Returns of Arlington Mark Master Lodge No. 6, represented by Br. Elijah Buck, of all those who have been advanced in said Lodge for the year past, of which Lodge

ELIJAH BUCK is Master.
CYRUS CANFIELD is S. W.
REUBEN BARNEY is J. W.
EZEKIEL HUNT is Treas.
SHUBAEL BABCOCK is Secy.
ZACHARIAH LYON is M. O.
WM. SCOVILL is S. O.
SOLOMON E. MILLARD is J. O.
SAMUEL KING, } Stewards.
ANSON J. SPERRY, }
SHUBAEL TULLER, Tyler.

Samuel Ellsworth,
Lemuel Perry,
Robert R. Bennett,
John Little,
Reuben Ashley,
Amos Bacon, Jr.,
David Mattison, Jr.
Zachariah Lyon,
Sylvester Hawley,
Alden Sherman,
Stephen Barnaby,
Isaac Whitehead,
William Hoit,

Arlington, May 30th, Anno Lucis 5815.

SHUBAEL BABCOCK, Secy."

Returns from Aurora Mark Master Lodge No. 7.

"*To the G. H. P. Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*
[L. S.]

The undersigned, Secretary of Mark Master Lodge, Aurora No. 7, at Bradford, Vt., presents the following report of the number and names of the Brethren advanced to the Honorary degree of M. M. Masons in said Lodge subsequent to the last report in Jany., Anno Lucis 5814.

John H. Moore,	Bradford,	Jan. 11th, A. L. 5814,		$1.00
Elisha Newell, Jr.,	"	"	"	1.00
Isaac Bayley,	Newbury,	"	"	1.00
John Evans,	"	"	"	1.00
John Tilton,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00

Saml. Putnam,	Newbury,	Feb. 8th,	5814	1.00
Caleb Hunt,	Bath, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
John W. Laslee,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00
Stephen Billings,	"	"	"	1.00
Grant Smith.	Fairlee,	"	"	1.00
Richard H. Huntley,	Topsham,	March 1st,	"	1.00
Nathl. Nerbank,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00
Daniel Kimball,	"	"	"	1.00
Benja. P. Baldwin,	"	"	"	1.00
Robert Scott,	Newbury,	"	"	1.00
Eber J. Chapin,	"	"	"	1.00
Joseph Sawyer,	Piermont, N. H.,	April 12,	"	1.00
Paul Sweet,	Bradford,	May 4,	"	1.00
John Lovejoy,	Tunbridge,	"	"	1.00
Oliver Perry,	Chelsea,	"	"	1.00
Levi Fullum,	"	"	"	1.00
Asaph Corse,	Vershire,	"	"	1.00
Stephen P. Webster,	Haverhill, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
David Hatch,	Chelsea,	June 14,	"	1.00
John H. Slack,	Bath, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
John Punchard,	" "	"	"	1.00
Jeremy L. Cross,	Lancaster, N. H.,	Aug. 9,	"	1.00
Arad Stebbins,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00
John Sawyer,	"	Sept. 13,	"	1.00
Levi Willard,	Lancaster, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
Stephen Wilson,	" "	"	"	1.00
Wm. H. Lathrom,	Lyme, "	"	"	1.00
Thos. Kendrick,	Thetford,	"	"	1.00
Orange Healon,	"	"	"	1.00
Elipha. Lyman,	Lancaster, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
Edward Dean,	Bath, "	"	"	1.00
Heman Hosford,	Thetford,	Oct. 11,	"	1.00
David Churchill,	Lyme, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
Jacob Goodwin, Jr.,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00
James Hunkins,	"	Nov. 8,	"	1.00
Leander Cook,	Corinth,	"	"	1.00
Wm. G. Dickinson,	Charlestown, N.H.,	26,	"	1.00
Jona. Roff,	Lyme, N. H.,	Dec. 13,	"	1.00
Moses Kent,	" "	"	"	1.00
Benja. Putnam,	Chelsea,	"	"	1.00
				$45.00

Names of Brethren elected as officers of said Lodge for the ensuing year, to wit:

Bro. John H. Cotton, R. W. M.
David Hartwell, S. W.
Thomas Currier, J. W.
Benja. P. Baldwin, Treas.
Charles Clark, Secy.
Brodstreet Andrus, M. Over.
Daniel Laslee, S. Over.
John Laslee, J. Over.

Bradford, Dec. 28, 5814,

Attest, Elisha Thayer, Secy.'.

"Amount from preceding report,				$45.00
Jonas Gates,	Tunbridge,	Jany. 5, A. L.	5815,	1.00
Samuel Pearson,	Lancaster, N. H.,	"	"	1.00
Jared Mann,	Chelsea,	Feby. 14,	"	1.00
Josiah Dana,	"	"	"	1.00
Thos. Winslow,	"	"	"	1.00
Cyral Cady,	Bradford,	"	"	1.00
Martin Fuller,	Hardwick,	"	"	1.00
Austin Fuller,	"	March 14,	"	1.00
John Blodgett,	Chelsea,	"	"	1.00
Saml. P. Downing,	"	"	"	1.00
Geo. W. Prichard,	"	"	"	1.00
Abraham Thomas,	Bath, N. H.,	April 11,	"	1.00
Jacob M. White,	" "	"	"	1.00
Frye Bailey,	Newbury,	May 9,	"	1.00
Jacob S. Clark,	Bath,	"	"	1.00
Recd as fees,				$60.00

Bradford, May 29th, Anno Lucis, 5815.

Attest, Charles Clark, Secy."

"Returns of Washington Mark Master Lodge No.8, represented by ——— to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, of all who have been advanced in Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, in Woodstock, from a Special Communication in May, A. L. 5814, till 16th March, A. L. 5815, inclusive, of which Lodge is

Master, GAIUS PERKINS.
Senior Warden, JOSEPH CHURCHILL.
Junior Warden, BENNETT PALMER.

Howland Simmons,	Woodstock,	June 18,	$1.00
Wyman Morris,	Pomfret,	"	1.00
Louden Smith,	Bridgewater,	"	1.00
David Mac, Jun.,	Woodstock,	Sept. 7,	1.00
John Hunt,	Hartford,	"	1.00
Francis Perkins,	Woodstock,	Dec. 21,	1.00
John Tracy,	Hartford,	"	1.00
Erastus Clark,	"	"	1.00
Calvin Seaver,	Norwich,	"	1.00
John Pratt,	Woodstock,	"	1.00
Noadiah Kibbey,	Hartford,	"	1.00
Jonathan Eddy,	Montpelier,	March 16,	1.00
Recd as fees,			$12.00

Attest, JONA. ANTHONY, Secy.

This may certify that Brother John Anthony, Secy of Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, is hereby empowered to make the above returns to G. R. A. Chapter to convene in Rutland on Wednesday, the 7th inst.. June.

GAIUS PERKINS, Master."

Returns from Queen of Sheba Mark Masters Lodge No 9. represented by Rev. Compn. Nye.

"*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be convened at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June, 1815. A return of all who have been advanced in Queen of Sheba Mark Masters Lodge No. 9, at New Fane, from the first day of June, 1814, to the first day of June, 1815.

William Gregory,	Thomas Boyden,
Jesse Corbet,	Isaac Eames,
Peleg Kingsley,	Peter Hammond,
Josiah Brown,	Thos. Lathrop,
John Prentiss,	Benjamin Ormsbee,
Benjamin Lord,	John Davis,
John Hodson,	Bliss Walker,
Dan Hough,	Samuel Root,
Jedediah Stark,	Benjamin Cook,
Clark Brown,	Jonathan Fisher.

Recd as fees $20.00.

OFFICERS OF SAID LODGE.

LEMUEL WHITNEY, Master.
JOSEPH METCALF, S. W.
JONA. ROBINSON, Jr., J. W.
JOSEPH ELLIS, Treas.
BENJA. SMITH, Secy.
NATHL. CHAMBERLAIN, M. O. S.
HEZEKIAH ROBINSON, S. O. S.
SILAS KINNEY, J. O. S.
LUKE KNOWLTON, } Stewards.
THOS. LATHROP, }
THOS. BOYDEN, Tyler.

Attest, JOSEPH ELLIS, Treas. & Acting Secy."

Returns from Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced in Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, from the 27th day of June, 5814, of which Lodge

ARTEMAS ROBINS is Master.

CHRISTOPHER WEBBER is S. Warden.

JOSHUA LELAND is J. Warden.

Daniel Wait,	Chester,	July 12,	5814,	$1.00
Jona. Willard, Junr.,	"	"	"	1.00
John P. Williams,	"	"	"	1.00
Thos. Robinson,	"	"	"	1.00
Wm. Y. Henry,	Weston,	Augt. 9,	"	1.00
Aaron Easterbrooks,	Andover,	"	"	1.00
John Johnson,	Chester,	"	"	1.00
Joseph Dodge,	Andover,	"	"	1.00
Wm. Rounds,	Chester,	Sept. 13,	"	1.00
Cephas L. Rockwood,	"	"	"	1.00
Rufus Atwood,	"	"	"	1.00
Solomon Proctor,	Cavendish,	Oct. 11,	"	1.00
Luther Fletcher,	"	Nov. 8,	"	1.00
Aaron Leland,	Chester,	"	" fee rem'td.	1.00
Samuel Clark,	Andover,	Dec. 13,	"	1.00
Henry Seaman,	Chester,	"	"	1.00
Sherman Hatch,	Cavendish,	Jan. 10,	5815,	1.00
Sewel Fuller,	"	"	" fee rem'td.	1.00
Daniel Goddard,	Reading,	Feby. 14,	"	1.00
George Weightman,	Chester,	"	"	1.00
Isaac Bowen,	Ludlow,	"	"	1.00
Amos Heald,	Chester,	May 29,	"	1.00
Samuel Axdell,	"	"	"	1.00
				$23.00
		Remitted,		2.00
				$21.00

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true return of Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, of Members advanced since the 27th day of June A. L. 5814, up to this 29th day of May, Anno Lucis 5815.

Attest, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Secy."

On Motion, Voted, a Committee be appointed to look to the propriety of the removal of Windsor Mark Masters Lodge from that place to Springfield, which Committee consisted of Chas. K. Williams, Jona. Nye, and Benja. Lord, who after due consideration, made the following report.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Returns of Windsor Mark Lodge, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the said Lodge has been at work at Springfield, the last year, without any proper or legal authority. Inasmuch however as they received a dispensation from the Deputy Grand High Priest to hold their Lodge at Springfield, your Committee would recommend that they be directed immediately to return their Charter, Records, and jewels, to Windsor, and that those who have been advanced at Springfield during the last year be recognized as Regular Mark Master Masons, advanced in Windsor Mark Masters Lodge, and that their returns be received.

Rutland, June 7, A. L. 5815.

CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, for Committee."

Which Report was accepted.

Mark Masters Lodge dispensed with for the purpose of attending to a sermon from our Grand Chaplain, Compan. Jona. Nye, and proceeded to the Court house, where was delivered an excellent and well adapted discourse from Thessa. 5th Chapt. and 21st verse, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," after which returned to the Hall and the Mark Masters Lodge called from dispensation to labor. The Lectures were duly attended to, when the Mark Masters Lodge was dispensed with during the Worshipful Master's pleasure, for the purpose of opening on the 7th degree.

Opened on the 7th or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN CHIPMAN, G. H. P.
M. E. MOSES STRONG, D. G. H. P.
E. CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, G. K.
E. OZIAS FULLER, G. S.
BENJAMIN LORD, G. Treas.
LIVY LAWTON, G. Secy.
Revd. JONA. NYE, G. Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER, G. Marshal.
THOS. MILLER, G. Sentinel.

At which time the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows.

Returns from Green Mountain Chapter No. 1.

"*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been advanced or exalted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, of which
CHAS. K. WILLIAMS is High Priest.
MOSES STRONG is King.
GORDON NEWELL is Scribe.
NICHOLS GODDARD is Capt. of the H.
OZIAS FULLER is P. S.
T. CAPEN, Jr., }
ABEL PAGE, } M. of V.
JOHN GORDON, }
ABEL PAGE, Treas.
LIVY LAWTON, Secy.
THOMAS MILLER, Steward & Sentinel.

From June 1st, A. L. 5814, to June 7th, A. L. 5815.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fees.
Harris Horsford,	Poultney,	not in this	July 12, 1814,	$2.00
Truman Horsford,	"	Chapter.	" " "	2.00
William House,	Pittsford,	Sept. 1814,	Sept. "	3.00
John Proctor,	Cavendish,	"	" "	3.00
William Gookins,	Rutland,	Jan. 10, 1815,	May, "	3.00
Joel Beeman,	Poultney,		Jan. 10, 1815,	2.00
Noah Wells, a Past Master,	"		" "	2.00
Asa Blackmer,	Brandon,	March, 1815.	March, "	3.00
David Wright,	Rutland,	"	" "	3.00
Recd as Fees,				$23.00

Rutland, June 2d, Anno Lucis 5815.

Attest, LIVY LAWTON, Secy."

[L. S.]

Returns from Champlain Chapter No. 2.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to be convened at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June, A. L.* 5815:

The following is the Annual Return of the Officers of Champlain Chapter No. 2, together with the doings of said Chapter for the year preceding.

M. E. BENJAMIN CHANDLER, High Priest.

E. REUBEN EVARTS, King.

E. SETH POMEROY, Scribe.

E. ELKANAH STEVENS, Capt. of the Host.

E. SAMUEL H. FARNSWORTH, Prin. Sojourner.

E. JOHN NASON, R. A. Capt.

E. JAMES FARNSWORTH, Treasurer.

E. ABIJAH STONE, Secretary.

Oct. 18, 5814. Thos. M. Vinson, Peleg S. Mason, and Wm. Hazard, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., were advanced to the Honorary degree of Mark Masters, passed the Chair, were received and acknowledged as M. E. Masters and Exalted to the Sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons.

Nov. 15, 5814. Nathaniel Griswold, of Enosburgh, Vt., passed the Chair, was received and acknowledged as M. E. Master, and Exalted to the Sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Decr. 20, 5814. Wm. Munson, of Colchester, Vt., was advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Mast er.

Feb. 21, 5815. Wm. Munson and Lucius Young of Craftsbury, Vermont, Henry Stinehour of Swanton, Vermont, were passed, received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, and Exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons.

Feb. 21, 5815. Theoph. Mansfield of Swanton, Vermont, Gamaliel Taylor of Hyde Park, Vermont, Master Masons, were exalted.

Recd as fees, $24.00.

The above and foregoing is a True Copy of Record.

Attest, ABIJAH STONE, Secy."

[L. S.]

"ST. ALBANS, May 13, A. L. 5815.

The King and Scribe of Champlain Chapter No. 2, do hereby constitute and appoint Comp. Benja. Chandler our proxy in the Grand R. A. Chapter to be convened at Rutland, Vt., on the first Wednesday of June next, and do empower him to act in our behalf in all concerns in sd G. R. A. Chapter.

REUBEN EVARTS, King.

S. POMEROY, Scribe."

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, not represented, but recd the following returns :

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

In conformity to the 6th article of the regulation of said R. A. Chapter the following is a return of all those who have been advanced, admitted or exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter between the 30th May, A. L. 5814, and the 5th of June, A. L. 5815.

Seth Green,	Master Mason,	Exalted,	July 18, 1814.
Asa Scott,	" "	"	Aug. 3, "
Elijah Hitchcock,	" "	"	Dec. 5, "
Benja. Stevens,	" "	"	" " "
Thos. Tracy,	Mark Master,	"	" " "

Edwd. Roberts,	Master Mason,	Exalted,	Jan. 16, 1815.
Ephm. Munson,	" "	"	" " "
Amos S. Roberts,	" "	"	" " "
Thos. C. Walker,	" "	"	March 20, "
Edwd. Flint,	" "	"	" " "

9 Master Masons Exalted.	Fees,	$27.00
1 Mark Master "	"	2.00
		$29.00

At a regular communication of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, holden at Vergennes agreeable to Charter under the jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter, on the 21st November A. L. 5814, in conformity to the 14th article of the regulations of the G. R. A. Chapter the Companions hereinafter named were duly chosen by ballot for the year ensuing, to discharge the duties of the several offices annexed to their names respectively.

M. E. Luther E. Hall, H. P.
M. E. Amos W. Barnum, K.
M. E. John Smith, Jr., S.
Enoch D. Woodbridge, C. H.
John McVine, P. S.
Russell Rogers, R. A. C.
Durand Roburds, Treas.
Russell A. Barnum, Secy.
Allured Hitchcock, Rufus Ferris, John Thompson, } G. M. V.
Asa Strong, Steward & Tyler.

Vergennes, 5th June, Anno Lucis 5815.

The within and above is a true extract of record of Jerusalem Chapter No. 2.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of the Chapter.

Russell A. Barnum, Secy."

Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 4, no returns and not represented.

Returns from King Solomon's Chapter No. 5, represented by Saml. Goss.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

A return of all those who have been advanced or exalted from Jany. 5, 5814, to June 7th, Anno Lucis 5815.

Joel Tinker,	Mark M.,	Mch.	16,	5814,	$1.00	Exalted	Mch.	16,	5814,	$2 00 $3.00
John Stearns,	"	"	"	"	1.00	"	"	"	"	2.00 3 00
Christ. Huntington,	"	Oct.	18,	"	1.00	"	Oct.	19,	"	2.00 3.00
Elisha Hotchkiss,	"	"	"	"	1.00	"	"	"	"	2.00 3.00
Isaac Fletcher,	"	"	"	"	1.00	"	"	"	"	2 00 3.00
Arad Stebbins,						"	Oct.	2:,	"	2.00
Adam Duncan,						"	"	"	"	2.00
Wm. Howe,						"	"	"	"	2.00
David Pickering	"	Oct.	26,	"	1.00	"	"	"	"	2.00 3 00
Thos. Taylor,						"	"	26,	"	2.00
N. P. Sawer,						"	"	"	"	2.00
Abel Smith,	"	Nov.	4,	"	1.00					1.00
Robt. Kimball,	"	"	"	"	1.00					1 00
Jona. Smith,						"	Nov.	5,	"	2.00
John H. Slack,						"	"	"	"	2 00
Elisha Seabury,	"	Mch.	17,	5815,	1 00	"	May	26,	5815,	2.00 3 00
Gustavus Loomis,	"	May	"	"	1 00	"	"	"	"	2 00 3.00
Daniel Baldwin,	"	"	"	"	1 00	"	"	"	"	2.00 3.00

Recd as fees, $43.00

At a regular Communication of King Solomon's Chapter on the third Wednesday of March, A. L. 5815, the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively:

Comps. Erastus Watrous, High Priest.
Denison Smith, King.
Silas Williams, Scribe.
Jeduthan Loomis, C. H.
Saml. Goss, P. S.
Joseph Howes, R. A. C.
Lovell Kelton, Chapin Keith, Nathan Jewett, } G. M. V.
Chas. Bulkley, Treas.
George Worthington, Secy.

The above is a true extract from the records.

Attest, Geo. Worthington, Secy."

[L. S.]

Returns from Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, represented by Josiah Dunham.

"List of Companions Exalted in the Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, from July 20th, A. L. 5814, to June 5th, A. L. 5815, inclusive, viz:

Jona. Williams,	July 20,	A. L. 5814.
Solo. Dow	"	"
Silas H. Sabin	"	"
Joseph Rice	Oct. 6,	"
Chas. Flanders	"	"
Jas. B. Andrews	"	"
Barna Richmond	"	"
Amos Hitchcock	"	"
Libbeus Chase	"	"
Saml. Putnam	" 7,	"
David Hitchcock	Dec. 14,	"
Zenas Hitchcock	"	"
Saml. Higbee	"	"
Charles Higbee	"	"
Bennett Palmer	"	"
Asa Tilden	"	"
Silas Bowen	Jan. 11,	A. L. 5815
Amasa Spooner	"	"
Jno. T. Leverett	"	"
Lyman Mower	Feb. 8,	"
Job Lyman	"	"
John Pratt	"	"
Selah Graves	"	"
Abner Chase	"	"
Jas. Underwood	"	"
John Wood	Mch. 8,	"
Thos. Robinson	"	"
Wm. Donoghue	"	"
R. Smiley	May 4,	"
Gaius Perkins	"	"
Jas. Metcalf	"	"
Jno. Anthony	"	"
Jas. Dorr	"	"
Jos. Williams	"	"

Leonard Walker..... ....June 5, "
Daniel Goddard..... ....." "
Benja. Lord..... ...." "

Total 37, Fees Recd. $94.00.

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct list of Companions who have been exalted in Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, since the first of June, A. L. 5814, and that the dues for the same to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter amount to ninety-four dollars which is herewith enclosed. And I further certify that

Compn. Josiah Dunham is M. E. High Priest.
Compn. Charles Flanders, King.
Rufus Root, Scribe.
Libbeus Chase, Treasr.
Henry Sylvester, Secy. of said Chapter.

Attest, John T. Leverett, Secy. *pro tem.*"

Chapter dispensed with during M. E. High Priest's pleasure for the purpose of Refreshment, and proceeded to H. Gould's Inn to dine. After which returned to the Hall, and the Chapter called from dispensation to labor.

Compn. Chas. K. Williams was appointed at the last communication of this State G. Chapter, a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary, reports as follows.

"That the accounts of the Grand Secretary, Livy Lawton, are balanced, and that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Compn. Benja. Lord, the sum of four hundred eighty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.

Rutland, June 2d, Anno Lucis 5815.

Chas. K. Williams, Committee."

Which report was accepted and the Secy. ordered to record the same.

There was presented and read a petition from a number of Mark Master Masons, in Springfield and its vicinity, to this Grand Chapter, praying for a Charter for a Mark Masters Lodge in Springfield, which was referred to a Committee of three Companions, viz:

Compn. Chas. K. Williams, Saml. Goss and Jona. Nye.

But previous to the report of the said Committee, on motion, voted that the Petitioners for a Mark Masters Lodge at Springfield have liberty to withdraw their petition.

There was presented and read a petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons in Bradford, and its vicinity, to this State Grand Chapter, praying for Charter or Letter of Dispensation to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in said town of Bradford, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of Mount Lebanon Chapter.

"*To the officers and companions composing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont :*

We, your petitioners, being at this time companions and members of subordinate Royal Arch Chapters, and having the prosperity of Masonry at Heart, we are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of masonry, and for this motive, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings, and for other good reasons; we are desirous of forming a Chapter accompanied with the priviledge of working in the preceding degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master, which Chapter we are desirous of having established in the town of Bradford, Orange County, and State of Vermont, to be named Mount Lebanon Chapter; that in consequence of this our desire, we pray for letters of dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower us to assemble, as a legal Royal Arch Chapter to discharge the duties of masonry in those grades, in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order, and the regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State.

We do therefore nominate and recommend John H. Cotton to be our High Priest, John Mann, Jr., to be our King, and Arad Stebbins to be our Scribe of said Chapter, and if the prayer of this our petition shall be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State.

John H. Cotton,
Arad Stebbins,
Thomas Currier,
Ebenr. Wright,
John S. Wright,
John Mann, Jr.,
David Hartwell,
Elisha Thayer,
Moses Johnson,
William Barron.

Bradford, May 15th, 1815."

"At a regular communication of King Solomon's Chapter of Roya Arch Masons, Montpelier, May 17th, A. L. 5815.

Voted that this Chapter give their assent to the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Bradford, Vermont, agreeable to their request this day communicated.

Attest. GEO. WORTHINGTON, Secy."

The petition was referred to a Committee that consisted of Chas. K. Williams, Saml. Goss and Jona. Nye, who made the following report which was accepted.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session:*

Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petion for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Bradford, beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

Rutland, June 7th, Anno Lucis 5815.

CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, for Com."

Proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing when the following companions were duly elected and installed:

M. E. CHAS. K. WILLIAMS, G. H. P.
M. E. JOSIAH DUNHAM, D. G. H. P.
M. E. JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, G. King.
E. ELIJAH BUCK, G. Scribe.
E. BENJA. LORD, G. Treas.
E. LIVY LAWTON, G. Secy.
Revd. JONA. NYE, Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER, G. Marshal.
OZIAS FULLER, G. Visitor.
THOS. MILLER, Grand Steward & Sentinel.

There was presented and read a petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons in Brattleboro and its vicinity to this State G. Chapter praying for a Charter or Letters of Dispensation empowering them to establish a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Brattleboro, in sd State of Vermont, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of Lebanon Forest Chapter.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June next.*

The Petition of the Subscribers, humbly sheweth. That they are all Free and Accepted Royal Arch Masons, residing in the County of Windham, and its vicinity: and are actuated by a sincere desire to spread and promote, the genuine and benevolent principles of the Royal Art: They, therefore wish for a dispensation, or Charter, empowering them to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the town of Brattleboro', in the County of Windham, to be known by the name of Lebanon Forest Chapter No. ——. And we do recommend and nominate our Most Excellent Companion Jonathan Nye, to be High Priest, our excellent Companion Lemuel Whitney, to be King, and our excellent Companion Jonathan Robinson, Junr., to be Scribe, of said Chapter. And, should our request be granted, we promise to conform to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as to those of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

Lemuel Whitney,
Nahum Cutler,
Jonathan Nye,
Joseph Metcalf,
Benja. Lord.
Jona. Robinson, Junr.,
Ora Farr,
Phineas White,
William Parks,

April 24th, 5815."

Windsor Royal Arch Chapter, June 5, 1815, at an adjurned communication of sd Chapter. Voted unanimously, to approbate the within petition.

Attest, Jno. T. Leverett, Acting Secy."

The petition was referred to a committee consisting of Compans. Chas. K. Williams, Saml. Goss, and Jona. Nye, who made the following report, which was accepted.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the aforementioned petition, beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Rutland, June 7th, A. L. 5815.

Chas. K. Williams, for Com."

On motion,

Resolved, That Comp. Benja. Lord be a committee to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his excellent sermon delivered this day, and present him with twenty dollars,

Which resolution was accepted.

On motion, voted Comp. Benja. Lord be a committee to settle the expenses of the day, who presented H. Gould's bill for dinners, and the expense of music, amounting to $34.12, and on motion, voted the amount thereof be paid out of the funds of the Chapter, and an order be drawn for the same.

On motion, voted that the thanks of this G. Chapter be presented to Comp. Col. John Chipman, our late Most Excellent High Priest, for his long and faithful servies in the concerns of the same, and that the Secretary be directed to present him with a copy of this resolution, which the Secy did comply with immediately.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to cite each and every secular R. A. Chapter and M. M. Lodge under this jurisdiction, which have not been represented, and made their returns at this communication to appear at the next stated communication of this G. Chapter, and show cause, if any they have, why their Charter should not be forfeited.

Comp. Thomas Miller, Steward, presented his bill for necessaries which amounted to $26.05.

On motion, voted the same be allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the amt. of the same.

Comp. L. Lawton presented an acct. of $18.78.

On motion, voted the same be allowed and order drawn on the Treasurer for that amount.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary is directed to have published for the benefit of their Comps., Chapters, and M. M. Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this G. Chapter, the time of their annual session in two public papers, one of which shall be on the east side of the Green Mountains, and the other publication on the west side of the Mountains.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to loan the funds or monies of this Grand Chapter, not to exceed 90 days, with the security of three good signers, acceptable to the said committee, and on appointment said committee consisted of Comps. Benja. Lord, Jas. Porter and Ozias Fuller.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be given out of the funds of this State G. Chapter to the Foreign Missionary Society of the United States for the purpose of aiding and assiting in propogating the gospel in foreign parts.

The lectures on this degree were attended to, after which the Chapter was closed in due form, when the Mark Masters Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

Recd of Comp. John H. Cotton $50 in part payment for a Charter granted this session for a Royal Arch Chapter in Bradford, called Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 8.

Treasurer, Dr., to cash paid, $442.00.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, LIVY LAWTON, G. Secy.

COMMUNICATION.

"*Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions:*

The polite manner in which you addressed me on leaving the office of High Priest, was very grateful to my feelings, for which I return my sincere thanks. My conduct being approbated by you, will be a consolation to me in my last moments.

I am Comps. Your very Humble Servt.

JOHN CHIPMAN.

Middlebury, June 15, A. L. 5815."

Lebanon Forest Chapter at Brattleboro stand indebted to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont for their Charter, $60.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, LIVY LAWTON, Grand Secy.

The State Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened agreeable to the By-Laws and opened on the 7th or Royal Arch Degree, at Masons Hall, Rutland, June 5, A. L. 5816.

PRESENT.

M. E. OZIAS FULLER,	as Grand High Priest
E. NICHOLS GODDARD,	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAS. PORTER,	as Grand King.
E. MOSES STRONG,	as Grand Scribe.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
" LIVY LAWTON,	Grand Secretary.
" ABEL PAGE,	Grand Steward.
" WM. STONE,	Grand Marshal.
" THOS. MILLER,	Grand Sentinel..

On motion, resolved to adjourn this meeting of the State Grand Royal Arch Chapter to Wednesday the 26th day of June, inst, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Attest. LIVY LAWTON, G. Secy.

MASONS HALL, June 26th, A. L. 5816.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened agreeable to adjournment, and opened on the Fourth or Mark Masters Degree.

PRESENT.

CHAS. K. WILLIAMS,	Worshipful Master.
JOHN H. COTTON,	Senior Warden.
ERASTUS WATROUS,	Junior Warden.
BENJAMIN LORD,	Treasurer.

Livy Lawton,	Secretary.
Artemas Robbins,	Master Overseer.
Nichols Goddard,	Senior Overseer.
Billy Todd,	Junior Overseer.
Thos. Miller,	Steward & Tyler.

The several Mark Master Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter, were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows viz:

No. 1. Hiram Union M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. Jona. Robinson, who paid as dues, $9.00.

No. 2. Union M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. Woodward, paid as dues, $9.00.

No. 4. Morning Star M. M. Lodge, represented by Bro. Horsford, who paid as dues, $6.00.

No. 5. Windsor M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. Henry Stevens, who paid as dues, $13.00.

No. 6. Arlington M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. E. Buck, who paid as dues, $13.00.

No. 7. Aurora M. M. Lodge, represented in the Grand Chapter under the head of Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7.

No. 8. Washington M. M. Lodge, not represented.

No. 9. Queen of Sheba M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. Jona. Nye, who paid as dues, $6.00.

No. 10 Rising Sun M. M. Lodge, represented by Br. Artemas Robbins, who paid as dues, $15.00.

Lectures on this Degree attended to.

Mark Masters Lodge dispensed with.

Opened on the seventh or Royal Arch Degree, in ample form.

Labor of the Chapter dispensed with during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

Proceeded to the Court House to attend a sermon from our G. Chaplain, Rev. & Compn. Jonathan Nye, from 1st Peter, 4th Chapter and 8th verse, "Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves."

Proceeded to A. Page's to dine, after which returned and Chapter called from dispensation to labor.

RETURNS OF SECULAR CHAPTERS.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland.

"Returns to Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, of all those who have been advanced or exalted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, from June 7th, A. L. 5815, to June 26th, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Ozias Fuller,	High Priest.
Wm. Storer,	King.
Livy Lawton,	Scribe.
Benja. Lord,	Treasurer.
Wm. Gookins,	Secretary.
Thos. Miller,	Steward & Sentinel.

Names.		Exalted.	Fee.
Josiah W. Hale,	Mark Master,	July 12, 5815,	$2.00
John M. Weeks,	"	" "	2.00
Patrick Johnson,	"	" "	2.00
Ira Carpenter,	Master Mason,		3.00
Daniel Parsons,	Mark Master,		2.00
Nicholas Reynolds,	Master Mason.	Jany. 15, 5816,	3.00
Benja. Smith,	"	" "	3.00
Aaron Barnes,	Master Mason,	April 20, "	3.00
Benja. Fay,	"	" "	3.00
Darius Green,	Master Mason,	May 14, "	3.00
Amos Crippin,	"	" "	3.00
			$29.00

Rutland, June 26th, A. L. 5816.

Attest, Livy Lawton, Acting Secy."

[L. S.]

No. 5. King Solomon's Chapter represented by Comp. E. Watrous, R. A. C.

"Return from King Solomon's R. A. Chapter at Montpelier, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, from June 1st, A. L. 5815, to June 24th, A. L. 5816.

Names.	Marked.	Fees.	Exalted.		Fees.
John Reed,	July 19,	$1.00	Oct. 23,	$2.00	$3.00
Timothy Hubbard,	"	1.00	" 25,	2.00	3.00
Amos Tuttle,	Oct. 18,	1.00	" "	2.00	3.00
Phineas Olds,	"				1.00
Asa G. Shaw,	"	1.00	Jan. 17, 5816,	2.00	3.00
L. Q. C. Bowles,	" 23,	1.00	" "	2.00	3.00
Clement Parker,			Oct. 23,		2.00
Harry Richardson,	"	1.00	" 25,	2.00	3.00
Simpson Shaw,	Jan. 17,	1.00	Jan. 17,	2.00	3.00
Reuben Kibbee,	"				1.00
Matthias Haines,	May 15,				1.00
					$26.00

Officers of said Chapter elected Nov. 15th, A. L. 5816.

M. E. Samuel Goss,	High Priest.
E. Chas. Buckley,	King.
E. Jude Kimball,	Scribe.
Comp. Geo. Worthington,	Captain of the Host.
Jeduthan Loomis,	Principal Sojourner.
Erastus Watrous,	Royal Arch Captain.
Elisha Seabury,	Master 1st Vail.
John Reed,	Master 2d Vail.
Harry Richardson,	Master 3d Vail.
Timothy Hubbard,	Treasurer.
Daniel Baldwin,	Secretary.

Montpelier, 24th June A. L, 5816.

Attest, Daniel Baldwin, Secy."

[L. S.]

No. 6. Windsor Royal Arch Chapter represented by Bros. Henry Stevens, proxy for H. P. and K., and Joshua Bradley, Scribe.

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Marked, Passed the Chair, received the degree of Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, in Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, from the 21st day of June, A. L. 5815, to June 5th, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

CHAS. FLANDERS,	High Priest.
SILAS BOWEN,	King.
JOSHUA BRADLEY,	Scribe.

Names,	Exalted.
Thos. Gallup	June 21, 1815.
Zebee. Lee, Jr	" " "
John Prentiss	" " "
Elisha Hoisington	Sept. 13, "
Bazaleel Wood	" " "
Isaac Townsend	" " "
Luther Hammond	Nov. 8, "
Nathan Huntoon	Jan. 24, 1816.
Jas. B. Ralston	" " "
Solomon Proctor	" " "
Calvin Chapin, Jr	Mch. 13, "
Timothy Nutting	" " "
Harvey Jones,	" " "
Justus Burdick	" " "
Sewell Fullam	" " "
Joseph Parker	" " "
Norman Williams	Apri 24, "
Wm. Williams	" " "
Samuel Ward	" " "

Jan. 24th, 1816. The degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred upon Winship D. Ager.

I hereby certify that the above named persons have been regularly exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons, and that the above named W. D. Ager has also received the degree of Mark Master Mason.

Attest, JNO. T. LEVERETT, Secy. W. R. A. C. No. 6."

Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, represented by Compn. Cotton, High Priest.

"Annual return of the names of the persons who have been advanced and exalted in Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, Vermont, since the last report to the State Grand Chapter as follows:

Names.	Marked.		Exalted to R. A.		Amt.
Solomon Mann,	June 12, 1815, "	$1.00			$1.00
Francis Flanders,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Timothy Mann,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Timothy Shaw,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Nathl. B. Chapman,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Ezekiel Bailey,	" 24, " "	1.00			1.00
Dan Young,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Danl. Wyman,	Aug. 8, " "	1.00			1.00
Jona. Taylor,	" " "	1.00			1.00
Bradstreet Andrus,	" 9, "		"	$2.00	2.00
Wm. Kimball,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Benj. F. Baldwin,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Abram Thomas,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
John H. Moore,	" 24, "		"	2.00	2.00
Geo. W. Prichard,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Chas. Clark,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Daniel Kimball,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Leander Cook,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
John Sawyer,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Wm. Howard,	Sept. 6, "		"	2.00	2.00
John W. Laslee,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Jas. Hunkins,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Dan Young,	" 26, "		"	2.00	2.00
Timothy Clark,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Chas. Hale,	Nov. 27, "		"	2.00	2.00
Elisha Newhall, Jr.,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Jonathan Roff,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Moses Kent,	Dec. 12, "		"	2.00	2.00
Geo. W. Culver,	Jan. 9, 1816, "	1.00			1.00
Jeremiah Prichard,	" " "	1.00	"	2.00	3.00
Nathl. Nerback,	" "		"	2.00	2.00
Simeon Stevens, Jr.,	Feb. 13, "		"	2.00	2.00

Napthali Shaw, 2d.,	" "	"	1.00	"	2.00	3.00
Fry Bailey, Jr.,	" "			"	2.00	2.00
Josiah Dana,	Mar. 5, "			"	2.00	2.00
Thos. Winslow,	" "			"	2.00	2.00
Ezekiel Bailey,	" "			"	2.00	2.00
Levi Fullum,	April 9, "			"	2.00	2.00
Horace Bassett,	" "			"	2.00	2.00
John Blodgett,	" 10, "			"	2.00	2.00
Roger Ranstead,	May 14, "	"	1.00	"	2.00	3.00
Martin Fuller,	" "			"	2.00	2.00
						$77.00

Bradford, June 21st, 1816.

Attest, CHARLES CLARK, Secy.

This may certify that at a regular communication of Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, Vermont, on the 12th day of December, A. L. 5815, the following persons were duly elected to the several offices attached to their names, viz:

JOHN H. COTTON,	High Priest.
DAVID HARTWELL,	King.
THOS. CURRIER,	Scribe.

Attest, CHARLES CLARK, Secy."

Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, represented by Comps. Nye and Robbins.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, from the day of its first institution to the 4th day of June, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

JONATHAN NYE,			High Priest.
LEMUEL WHITNEY,			King.
JONA. ROBINSON, Jr.,			Scribe.
Willard Arms,	Brattleboro,'	Nov. 24, 5815,	$3.00
Geo. F. A. Atherton,	"	" " "	3.00
Asa Green,	"	" " "	3.00
Peleg Kingsley,	"	" " "	3.00
Broughton White,	Westmoreland,	" " "	3.00
Benja. Smith,	Putney,	Dec. 28, "	3.00
Benja. Cook,	Chesterfield,	" " "	3.00
Jedediah Stark,	Halifax,	" " "	3.00
Samuel Clark,	Brattleboro,'	Jan. 31, 5816,	3.00
Jonas Mann,	"	" " "	3.00
Noah Sabin, Jr.,	"	" " "	3.00
Thos. K. Green,	Putney,	" " "	3.00
Ebenr. Sabin,	Antwerp, N. Y.,	" " "	3.00
Elihu Field,	Guilford,	" " "	3.00
Epaphr. Seymour,	Brattleboro,'	March 20, "	3.00
Rev. & Bro. Jos. Elliot,	Rockingham,	" " "	3.00
			$48.00

A true return.

GEORGE F. A. ATHERTON, Secy."

Petition for Chapter at Chester.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont to be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June next:*

We, your petitioners, humbly show that we are regular Royal Arch Masons, and that we are anxious to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the institution, but being situated at such a distance from any Chapter that we cannot, without great inconvenience to ourselves, receive the advantages of the order by attending to the regular communications of any Chapter, we therefore are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the town of Chester, in the County of Windsor, to be called Washington Chapter.

We pray for letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower us to assemble as a regular body of Royal Arch Masons, and to exercise the privileges of the order, in a regular and constitutional manner. For this purpose we have nominated and do recomend our worthy Companion, Artemas Robbins, to be our first High Priest, our worthy Companion, Robinson Smiley, to be our first King, and our worthy Companion, Christopher Webber, to be our first Scribe of the said Chapter.

That if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Artemas Robbins,
Christopher Webber.
Joseph Williams,
Thos. Robinson,
Joseph Elliot,
Bazaleel Woods,
Jabez Proctor."

Robinson Smiley,
Jonathan Williams,
Solomon Proctor,
Joshua Leland,
Wm. Williams,
John Proctor,

The petition had the following endorsement.

"Windsor Royal Arch Chapter, June 12th, A. L. 5816.

At a stated communication of said Chapter, Voted unanimously to approbate the within petition.

Attest, JOHN T. LEVERETT, Secy."

Upon the within petition, on motion, voted, that a committee of three members be appointed to inquire into the expediency of granting the prayer thereof, and to make report accordingly. Brs. Moses Strong, Jonathan Nye and Joshua Bradley were appointed and made the following report, viz.

"*To the Royal Arch Grand Chapter now sitting at Rutland, within and for the State of Vermont:*

The committee to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted and the petitioners have a Warrant for a Charter, which is humbly submitted.

By M. STRONG, for Committee.

Rutland, June 27th, 1816."

On motion, shall the report of the above said Committee be accepted?

Voted, that it should be, and that the Secretary be directed to make out a Charter in Ancient form.

There was a petition presented and read for a Mark Masters Lodge in the Town of Orwell.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont:*

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth, that they are Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, that they are at present or have been members of Regular Lodges of Mark Masters, that having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art, that for the convenience of their respective dwellings and for other good reasons they are desirous of forming a new Lodge of Mark Masters in the town of Orwell, to be named Champlain, that in consequence of this desire they pray for letters of Dispensation or a Warrant of Constitution to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution and also agreeable to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, that they have nominated and do recommend Br. Benj. Pardy to be the first Master, Br. Ephraim Scovel to be the first Senior Warden, and Br. Lester Griswold to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge, that if the prayer of the petition should be granted they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Dated at Orwell this 18th day of March, A. L. 5816.

Joseph Shoat,
Abraham Humphrey,
James Conkey,
Lester Griswold,
Benjamin Pardy,
Daniel Rumsey."

John Babcock,
Wait Branch,
David Sanderson,
Ephraim Scovel,
Elijah Parker,

Petition was submitted to the above said Committee, who reported as follows, viz:

"*To the Royal Arch Grand Chapter now sitting at Rutland:*

The Committee to whom was referred the within petition, beg leave to report, That in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted, which is humbly submitted.

By M. Strong, for Committee.

Rutland, June 27th 1816."

On motion, shall the report of the committee aforesaid be accepted?

Voted, that it should be, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

There was also presented and read a petition for a Chapter in the town of Pawlet.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that we are Royal Arch Masons, and are members of regular Royal Arch Chapters; that, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, we are willing to exert our best endeavors to diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that for the convenience of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Pawlet, to be named Social Chapter. In consequence of this desire we pray for a letter of Dispensation, to empower us to assemble as a regular Chapter, and to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masons in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the order, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

That we have nominated and do recommend our worthy Companion Jonathan Robinson to be the first High Priest, our worthy Companion Phineas Strong to be the first King, our worthy Companion Simon Stone to be the first Scribe of said Chapter; that if the prayer of this

petition should be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Jona. Robinson,
Nathan Ellis,
Edward Cole,
John Edgerton,
Elisha Smith,
Return Strong,
Barton Brown."

Phineas Strong,
Simon Stone,
Heman Hastings,
David Cleaveland,
Elijah Lillie,
Prosper Adams,

The petition was endorsed by Federal Chapter No. 10, of the State of New York, as follows.

"April 5, A. L. 5816, Federal Chapter No. 10, opened in due form.

Resolved, That this Chapter vouch for the within petitioners as Royal Arch Masons in good standing, and recommend to the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont to grant them a Charter agreeable to the prayer of the petition.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Given under my hand at Salem the day above written.

PHILO CURTIS, Secy. of Federal Chapter No. 10."

Petition was submitted to the Committee aforesaid, who reported as follows, viz :

'*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now sitting at Rutland:*

The Committee to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted, which is humbly submitted.

By M. STRONG, for Committee.

Rutland, June 27, 1816."

On question, shall the report of the Committee aforesaid be accepted ?

Voted that it should be, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion of B. Lord, voted that the sum of fifty dollars be credited the Treasurer, which was paid the widow of Jesse Lyman, last Spring.

On motion, voted to rescind the vote accepting the report of the Committee for M. M. Lodge in Orwell, and resolved that their petition lay over till the next communication.

On motion, voted to rescind the vote accepting the report of the Committee, for a Chapter in Pawlet, and resolved that their petition lay over till the next communication.

Proceeded to the election of officers, when the following persons were duly elected to the respective offices, viz :

M. E. Chas. K. Williams,	Grand High Priest.
" Jeduthan Loomis,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Jas. Porter,	Grand King.
" John H. Cotton,	Grand Scribe.
" Benja. Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Wm. Page,	Grand Secretary.
" Jona. Nye,	Grand Chaplain.
" Elnathan Darling,	Grand Marshal.
" Erastus Watrous,	Grand Visitor.
" Thos. Miller,	Grand Steward and Grand Sentinel.

Compn. Wm. Page declined accepting the office of Secretary, and on motion, voted to excuse him, and Compn. Gordon Newell was elected in his stead, who not being present,

Voted that in case the Secretary now appointed should not accept the office, the G. H. P. should have the power to appoint a Secy., until the next session of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. B. Lord was appointed a committee to settle the expenses of the day, and pay for the dinner from the funds of this State Chapter for all those who are members of the same.

Lectures attended to on this degree.

By order of the G. H. P. the Chapter adjourned until tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

June 27th, A. L. 5816. Grand Royal Arch Chapter called to labor.

Voted that the Secretary be directed to cite Temple Chapter No. 4, to appear at the next session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and show cause why their Charter should not be taken from them.

Voted that the Secretary be directed to cite all Chapters and Mark Master Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to appear at the next session thereof with their returns, or their Charters will be taken from them.

On question, shall clergymen when advanced or exalted in any Mark Masters Lodge, or Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, have their dues given them ?

Voted they should not.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter cause to be printed three hundred copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, with a list of the secular Chapters and Lodges under its jurisdiction, and distribute a copy to each of the members, Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, and also to each of the Chapters and Lodges under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter, and that the expenses thereof be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, voted a committee of one member be appointed to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to our Rev. Grand Chaplain, for the excellent and appropriate discourse delivered yesterday, and present him with twenty dollars from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Moses Strong was appointed the committee who performed the duty.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of one member be appointed in behalf of this State Grand Chapter, to present to the Charitable Society of Middlebury College the sum of fifty dollars, for the purpose of educating pious young men.

Comp. Joshua Bradley was appointed the committee.

Comp. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Chas. K. Williams, presented an account of seventy-two dollars and ninety-four cents ($72.94).

On motion, voted that the same be allowed, and that an order be drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Comp. B. Lord presented his bill of $22.25.

Voted that the same be allowed, and an order drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Comp. L. Lawton presented his bill of $15.07.

Voted that the same be allowed, and an order drawn on the treasurer for the the same.

The steward presented his bill of $32.61.

Voted the same be allowed, and an order drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Lectures attended to on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

On motion, voted that Comp. Ozias Fuller be a committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Mark Masters Lodge called from dispensation to labor.

Hiram Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 1, Pawlet.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

A return of all those who have been advanced in Hiram Union Mark Lodge from June 1st, A. L. 5815, to June 4th, A. L. 5816, inclusive.

OFFICERS.

RAYMOND HOTCHKISS,	Worshipful Master.
SAMUEL EMERSON,	Senior Warden.
PHINEAS STRONG,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Milton Clark,	Pawlet,	June 21st, 5815.
Jonas Clark,	Middletown,	" "
James Mosher,	Wells,	" "
Roger Culver,	"	" "
Samuel Miles,	Pawlet,	Dec. "
Platt Curtis,	Manchester,	" "
John Griffith,	Dorset,	" "
Elisha Clark,	Pawlet,	" "
John Lobdill,	"	March 20, 5816.

Fees to Grand Chapter, $9.00.

Attest, JOHN EDGERTON, Secy."

Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, Middlebury.

"A return of Union M. M. Lodge No. 2, Middlebury, to the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont to be convened at Rutland, the last Wednesday of June, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

EDWARD EELLS.	Master.
LAVIUS FILLMORE,	S. Warden.
J. M. WEEKS,	J. Warden.

And the names of the Brethren who have been advanced to the Fourth degree of Masonry are

John P. Wrisley	June 8, 1815.
Joseph Witherell	Dec. 14, 1815.
W. N. Washburn	" "
Beniah Hanson	Feby. 8, 1816.
Nicanor Needham	Feby. 8. 1816.
Jarvis Dean	Apr. 11, 1816.
Frederick Forde, Jr	" "
Sessions Enos	" "
John Hyer	" "

I also enclose nine dollars for the same ($9.00).

In Lodge Room, June 18th, A. L. 5816.

On motion, voted unanimously, that Br. Joseph Woodward be appointed a representative in the G. R. A. Chapter to be convened at Rutland, on the last Wednesday of June.

Lyman Clark, of Ticonderoga, for unmasonic conduct, was expelled from this Lodge, August 10th, A. L. 5815.

[L. S.]

Attest, SAMUEL BRYANT, Secy."

Morning Star M. M. Lodge No. 4, Poultney.

"Return of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, held at Henry G. Neale's Inn, in Poultney, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, from 1st of May, 5815, to 26th June, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

HARRIS HORSFORD, Worshipful Master.
BENJA. W. HORR, Senior Warden.
TRUMAN HOSFORD, Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced,	Fees.
Joseph Morse,	Poultney,	Nov. 6, 5815.	$1.00
David Ransom,	"	" "	1.00
Barnabas Ellis,	Fairhaven,	Jan. 1st, 5816,	1.00
Jas. Glass,	Castleton,	" "	1.00
Ansel Rockwell,	Middletown,	March 11, "	1.00
Emerson Farmer,	Castleton,	" "	1.00
			$6.00

DANIEL PARSON, Secy."

Windsor M. M. Lodge, No. 5, Windsor.

"Returns to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been advanced in Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, from the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

WM. DONOGHUE, Master.
JOEL LULL, Senior Warden.
ABISHAI HOISINGTON, Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Samuel Savage,	Windsor,	Jany. 16th, 5816,	$1.00
Erastus Otis,	Weathersfield,	" "	1.00
Livi Lull,	Hartland,	Feb. 14, "	1.00
Calvin Chapin, Jr.,	Windsor,	" "	1.00
James Dake,	"	" "	1.00
Alba Lull,	Hartland,	" "	1.00
Jas. Cochran,	Windsor,	" "	1.00
John Allison,	Weathersfield,	May 8, "	1.00
John L. Putnam,	Cornish, N. H.,	" "	1.00
Jabez H. Hammond,	Windsor,	" "	1.00
Jona. Burt, Jr.,	"	" "	1.00
Joseph Baker,	Woodstock,	" 30, "	1.00
Asahel North,	Windsor,	" "	1.00
			$13.00

Attest, PHINEAS HUBBARD, Secy."

Arlington M. M. Lodge No. 6, Arlington.

"Returns to the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of Arlington M. Masters Lodge No. 6, from 30th June, 5815, to this date.

OFFICERS.

ELIJAH BUCK,	Worshipful Master.
CYRUS CANFIELD,	Senior Warden.
EDMUND GRAVES,	Junior Warden.
WM. WAIL,	Treasurer.
SOLOMON EDY MILLERD,	Secretary.
ZACHARIAH LYON,	Master Overseer.
SAML. KING,	Senior Overseer.
BENAJAH COOK,	Junior Overseer.
SYLVESTER HARDY,	Tyler.
JULIUS BEBEE, ABEL AYLESWORTH,	Stewards.

Name.	Advanced.	Fees.
Noah Landon,	June 24th, 1815,	$1.00
Abram Hurd,	Sept. 26, "	1.00
Elijah Hawley,	" "	1.00
Asa N. Randale,	Nov. 28, "	1.00
Julius Bebee,	" "	1.00

Nathl. Folsom,	Jan. 30,	1816,	1.00
Salmon Fish,	"	"	1.00
Martin C. Deming,	"	"	1.00
Aaron G. Ferris,	Feb. 27,	"	1.00
Michael Burrit,	"	"	1.00
Abumarle Williams,	"	"	1.00
Jas. Cushing,	"	"	1.00
Winds Hurd,	March 26,	"	1.00
			$13.00

June 24th, 1816."

[L. S.]

SOLOMON EDY MILLERD, Secy.

Queen of Sheba M. M. Lodge No. 9, New Fane.

"Returns to the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons in Queen of Sheba M. M. Lodge, from the 16th day of May, 5815.

OFFICERS.

R. W. and Rev. JONA. NYE,	Master.
JONA. ROBINSON, Jr.,	Senior Warden.
NATHL. CHAMBERLAIN,	Junior Warden.

Advanced.	Residence.
John Roberts	Whitingham, Vt.
Leland Fairbank	Wardsboro, Vt.
Broughton White	Westmoreland, N. H.
Samuel Cutting	Guilford.
Daniel Walker	Wardsboro, Vt.
David W. Sanborn	New Fane.

The Lodge appointed the R. W. and Rev. Jona. Nye to represent this Lodge in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

New Fane, June 21st, A. L. 5816.

Attest, HEZEKIAH ROBINSON, Secy.'

Rising Sun M. M. Lodge No. 10, Chester.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of all those who have been advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Masons in Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, from the 15th day of June, A. L. 5815.

OFFICERS.

Artemas Robbins,	Worshipful Master.
Christopher Webber,	Senior Warden.
Joshua Leland,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Darius Green,	Mt. Holly,	Augt. 28, 1815,	$1.00
Joseph Elliot,	Rockingham,	" "	1.00
Addison Fletcher,	Cavendish,	" "	1.00
Nathan P. Fletcher,	Ludlow,	Nov. 27, "	1.00
Jonathan Barron,	Rockingham,	" "	1.00
Jas. Robinson,	Chester,	" "	1.00
Joseph Fletcher,	Ludlow,	" "	1.00
Timothy Hill,	Landgrove,	Jan. 3d, 1816,	1.00
Jason Weatherby,	Charlestown,	" "	1.00
Jesse Adams,	Cavendish,	Feb. 26, "	1.00
Joseph Patterson,	Ludlow,	May 27, "	1.00
Isaac Reed, Jr.,	"	" "	1.00
Barnabas Wright,	Rockingham,	" "	1.00
John H. Wells,	"	" "	1.00
Jas. Miller,	Chester,	" "	1.00
			$15.00

Dated at Chester, June 15, A. L. 5816.

Amos Heald, Secretary R. S. M. Lodge."

The lectures attended to.

Treasury Dr. To Cash paid,	$50.00	
"	20.00	
"	29.00	
	$99.00	
"	204.00	
		$303.00

After an appropriate prayer by the G. Chaplain, Comp. Nye, the Mark Masters Lodge closed in due and ample form.

Attest, Livy Lawton, Grand Secretary. *pro. tem*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened agreeable to the Constitution and By-Laws of the said Chapter, and opened on the Fourth or Mark Masters Degree, in Masons Hall, Rutland, Wednesday June 4, A. L. 5817.

PRESENT.

CHAS. K. WILLIAMS,	Worshipful Master.
ELIJAH BUCK,	as Senior Warden.
JOHN NASON,	as Junior Warden.
BENJA. LORD,	Treasurer.
GORDON NEWELL,	Secretary.
ISAAC TOWNSEND,	as Master Overseer.
E. NUTTING,	as Junior Overseer.
THOS. MILLER,	Steward and Tyler.

An address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain Comp. Nye.

The several Mark Master Lodges under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows, viz:

No. 1. Hiram Union M. M. Lodge not represented.

No. 2. Union M. M. Lodge, Middlebury, represented by Saml. Bryant.

"A return of Union Mark Masters Lodge No. 2, at Middlebury, Vt. To the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Vermont, to be convened at Rutland, in said State on Wednesday, the 4th of June, A. L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

EDWARD EELLS,	Master.
LAVIUS FILLMORE,	Senior Warden.
MARTIN HOPKINS,	Junior Warden.

The following persons have been advanced to the degree of Mark Master in said Lodge from June 1st, A. L. 5816, to June 1st, A. L. 5817, viz:

Theodore Halliday.....June 13, 1816.
Isaac Blake..... " "
William Morton.....Aug. 8, "
Ira Spaulding.....Feby. 13, 1817.
Thos. Huntington.....April 12, "

Recd as dues, $5.00.
Middlebury, June 2d, A. L. 5817.

Attest, SAMUEL BRYANT, Secretary."

No 4. Morning Mark Lodge not represented.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Isaac Townsend, who made the following return, to wit:

"Return to the Most Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those who have been Advanced in Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, from the first Wednesday in June, A.L. 5816, to the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM DONOGHUE — Master.
JOEL LULL — Senior Warden.
ABISHAI HOISINGTON — Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
Jerahmael Cummins,	Windsor,	Augt. 14, A. L. 5816.		$1.00
Eli Plant,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
Ebenezer Carpenter,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Daniel Stearns,	Reading,	Nov. 13th,	"	1.00
Rufus Root, Jr.,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Joseph Farwell,	"	"	"	1.00
Joseph Stocking,	"	"	"	1.00
Russell Burlingame,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
Samuel Blazedell,	"	"	"	1.00

Joshua Upham,	Weathersfield,	Feb. 12,	5817,	1.00
Samuel Aiken, 2d.,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Stephen Spafford,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
Carlos Coolidge,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Lemuel Hedger,	"	"	"	1.00
Thomas Boynton,	"	"	"	1.00
Ebenezer Blossom,	"	May 14,	"	1.00
Richard M. Ely,	"	"	"	1.00
Lewis Robinson,	Reading,	"	"	1.00
William Emerson,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Ashley Blodgett,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
				$20.00

N. B. Alpheus Shearman and Asahel Streeter, both of Weathersfield, made application to said Mark Lodge to be Advanced and were both rejected.

May 14, A. L. 5816.

RUFUS ROOT, Jr., Secretary."

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, represented by Brother Elijah Buck, who made the following return, viz:

"Returns to the Grand Royal Chapter of the State of Vermont of those that have been Advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in Arlington Mark Lodge No. 6, from June, A. L. 5816, to June 2d, A. L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

ELIJAH BUCK	Master.
EDMUND GRAVES	Senior Warden.
WM. HOYT	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Asa Fletcher,	August 27,	$1.00
James S. Wilbert,	"	1.00
Samuel Coggswell,	Sept. 24,	1.00
Lovin Dean,	Oct. 29,	1.00
Zechariah Hurd,	Nov. 26,	1.00
Clarke Peeke,	Dec. 27,	1.00
Amasa Wait,	Jan. 28,	1.00
Received as dues,		$7.00

Arlington, June 2d, A. L. 5817.

ABEL AYLESWORTH, Jr., Secretary *pro. tem.*"

[L. S.]

No. 7. Aurora Mark Lodge not represented.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge represented by John Anthony, who made the following return, viz :

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The returns of Washington M. M. Lodge No. 8, in Woodstock, for the years 5815 and 5816.

OFFICERS.

GAIUS PERKINS, Master.
BENNET PALMER, Senior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
William Knowlton,	Hartford,	June 25th,	1815,	$1.00
Billy L. Cotton,	Bethel,	"	"	1.00
James Pearle,	Woodstock,	"	"	1.00
James B. Ralston,	Bethel,	"	"	1.00
Freegrave Leavitt,	Hartford,	Sept. 20,	"	1.00
Thomas Barnes,	Pomfret,	"	"	1.00
Norman Williams,	Woodstock,	"	"	1.00
Samuel Ward,	"	"	"	1.00
Levi Cox,	"	"	"	1.00
John Hall,	Thetford,	"	"	1.00
Justus Burdick,	Woodstock,	"	"	1.00
Zera Brooks,	Hartford,	Dec. 20,	"	1.00
Theodore Cooley,	"	"	"	1.00
Lovell Hibbard,	Royalton,	March 20th,	1816,	1.00
Joseph Wood, Jr.,	Woodstock,	"	"	1.00
Nathan Kimball,	Royalton,	"	"	1.00
Lewis F. Gallup,	Woodstock,	June 19,	"	1.00
Stephen Paine,	Hartland,	Sept. 18,	"	1.00
Jacob Collamer,	Royalton,	"	"	1.00
Nathl. Waldron, Jr.,	Woodstock,	"	"	1.00
Walter Palmer,	"	Dec. 18,	"	1.00
Jona. Eaton,	Bethel,	"	"	1.00
Oliver H. Brooks,	Reading,	"	"	1.00
Thomas F. Hammond,	"	"	"	1.00
Elisha Perkins,	Woodstock,	March 19,	1817,	1.00
Received as dues,				$25.00

The above is a true copy from the Records.

Attest, JOHN ANTHONY, for
SAML. WARD, Secretary."

No. 9. Queen of Sheba Mark Lodge represented by Brother Nye, who made the following return, viz:

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master in Queen of Sheba Mark Lodge, New Fane, since June 1st, 1816.

OFFICERS.

R. W. and Rev. JONATHAN NYE	Master.
JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,	Senior Warden.
ASA BOYDEN,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.
Horace Dunham,	New Fane.
Chandler Carter	"
Ebenezer Brimhall	Wardsboro.
Munnis Kenney	Townsend.
Sewall Foster	Dummerston.

Received as fees, $5.00.

At a regular communication April 15th, A. L. 5817, R. W. and Brother Jonathan Nye was duly elected to represent this Lodge in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, at the next Annual Communication.

New Fane, June 2d, A. L. 5817.

Attest, HEZEKIAH ROBINSON, Secretary."

No. 10. Rising Sun Mark Lodge represented by Brother Robbins, who made the following return, viz:

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced to the honorary degree of the Mark Master in Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, holden at Chester from the 15th day of May, A. L. 5816, to 26th of May, 5817.

OFFICERS.

ARTEMAS ROBBINS	Master.
JOSHUA LELAND,	Senior Warden.
JONATHAN BARRON, junr.,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Laben Burr,	Langdon, N. H.,	Aug. 26th, 1816,	$1.00
Ethan B. Webb,	Rockingham,	" "	1.00
John W. Cone,	"	" "	1.00
Solomon Snow,	"	" "	1.00
Henry Lake,	"	" "	1.00
Henry Hubbard,	Charleston, N. H.,	Nov. 25, "	1.00
Thos. C. Thatcher,	Chester,	May 26, 1817,	1.00
Jonathan Webster,	Springfield,	" "	1.00
Hiram Davis,	Rockingham,	" "	1.00
Samuel A. Reed,	Ludlow,	" "	1.00
Elias Watkins,	Chester,	" "	1.00
			$11.00

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true return, as appears from the records of this Lodge, May 26th, 1817.

Attest, AMOS HEALD, Secretary."

Return of Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, Chester.

"Light springs from the East. Be it remembered, that at a quarterly communication of the Members and Brethren of Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, at Masons Hall, in Chester, on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1817.

PRESENT.

ARTEMAS ROBBINS, Master.
J. LELAND, Senior Warden.
D. WAIT, Jr., Junior Warden.

Art. 9th, Voted that this Lodge, for the following reason, to wit:

Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 9, having by their Charter license to Advance Mark Masters make it inexpedient to retain the Charter of this Lodge, therefore,

Resolved: That the Members of this Lodge do hereby willingly and cheerfully resign said Charter to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont, and therewith remit all dues to the present time.

Masons Hall, Chester, May 26th, 1817.

A true copy of record.

Attest, AMOS HEALD, Secretary."

The Charter of Rising Sun Mark Lodge No. 10, was, by request, received by the Grand Chapter.

Mark Lodge dispensed with, and opened on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

Chapter dispensed with during M.E.High Priests pleasure, and proceeded to the Court House, where a Sermon was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. and Comp. J. Nye, from St John's Gospel, 3d Chapter and 10th & 11th Verses.

After returning to the Hall, formed procession, and proceeded to Comp. Abel Page's, and partook of a sumptuous entertainment, after which returned and Chapter called from dispensation to labor.

At which time the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter were called upon to make their returns, and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, represented by M. E. Joel Green, H. P., who made the following return, viz:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

To be convened at Rutland, on the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5817.

The following are the returns of those who have been Admitted, Advanced and Exalted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, from the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5816, to the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5817.

Name.	Exalted.	Fee.
Martin Roberts,	July 9th, 5816,	$2.00
Jarvis Dean,	" "	2.00
Pearley Enos,	" "	2.00
Royal Dennis,	" 10, "	2.00
John P. Colburn,	" "	2.00
Elisha Parkill,	" "	2.00
Whitman B. Hutchins, advanced Jan. 14, 5817,	Jan. 14, 5817,	3.00
Joel Green, admitted July 9th, 5816,		0.00
		$15.00

"At the annual communication of Green Mountain Chayter No. 1, holden at Masons Hall in Rutland on the 2d Tuesday of November, A. L. 5816, being the communication next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the following persons were duly elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively:

M. E. Joel Green,	High Priest.
Livy Lawton,	King.
Gordon Newell,	Scribe.
Benjamin Smith,	Captain of the Host.
Aaron Barns,	Principal Sojourner.
Theophilus Capin, Jr.,	Royal Arch Captain.
Ira Carpenter, John M. Weeks, Nicholas Reynolds,	Masters of Vails.
Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
Wm. Gookins,	Secretary.
Thomas Miller,	Steward and Sentinel.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Chapter. Rutland, June 3d, A. L. 5817.

[L. S.]

Attest, William Gookins, Secretary."

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, represented by Br John Nason, who made the following return, to wit:

"Champlain Chapter No. 2, a return of the officers of said Chapter for the year A. L. 5817.

Benjamin Chandler,	High Priest.
Zerah Willoby,	King.
Elias Fassett,	Scribe.
Joel Clapp,	Captain of Host.
Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Treasurer.
Abijah Stone,	Secretary.
Asahel Clapp,	Principal Sojourner.
John Nason,	Royal Arch Captain.
Clement Trowbridge, Samlel H. Farnsworth, Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Masters of Vails.
John S. Gallup,	Sentinel.

The following is a return of the Members who have been Advanced in said Chapter for the year ending the third Tuesday of May, A.L. 5816.

Edward Cook,
Jeremiah L. Cross,
Jacob Cook, Junr.,
Asahel Clapp,
Charles Stevens,
Elihu M. Rice,
Joseph Holmes,
Hampton Lovegrove,
Richard S. Locke,
Joseph S. Butler,
Benjamin Thatcher.
Dues not paid.

Saml. S. Butler,
John Baker,
Levi Camp,
Stephen Powell,
Bohan Shepard,
Joseph D. Farnsworth,
S. S. Hall,
Thomas Fuller,
Austin Fuller,
Epenetus Weed,

The following Advanced as Members of said Chapter within the year ending 3d Tuesday May, 1817.

Orson Douglass,
Samuel Farrar,

Asa Stone,
Churchill.

ABIJAH STONE, Secretary."

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter not represented.

No. 4. Temple Chapter not represented.

The following communication from Temple Chapter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to be assembled at Rutland, on the 4th day of June, A. L.* 5817.

We the subscribers belonging to Temple Chapter Lodge in Bennington, humbly represent to you our Brethren, that the dues owing to you are about one hundred dollars. The reason of our inability to pay arises from causes beyond our control. In 5809 the Chapter lost its Lodge Room and furniture by fire. After our new Charter was taken, about five hundred dollars was laid out for furniture, to enable us to proceed in our work. Several Worthy Brethren were admitted to our Order, who gave their notes for the sums due from them. Though

trictly speaking the money ought always to be paid, yet "Charity" led to the error. Our Lodge is gaining in numbers and respectability, the pressure of the times prevents punctuality, the debts due us are perfectly secure, in a short time we can pay the utmost farthing. And now Brethren adoring together that Grand Master whose mercy endureth forever, we beseech you to be reconciled to us, "have patience and we will pay thee all."

Bennington, June 2nd, A. L. 1817.

Signed, OLIVER ABELL, Treasurer.
SAML. B. YOUNG, Secretary, *pro tem.*"

No. 5 King Solomon's Chapter, represented by Comp. L. Q. C. Bowles, who made the following return, viz:

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, from June 24th, A. L. 5816, to June 3d, 5817, from King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter at Montpelier.

Name.	Marked.		Exalted.		
Jonathan Eddy,			July 17, 5816,	$2.00	$2.00
Matthias Haines, Jr.,			" "	2.00	2.00
Stuart Brown,	Oct. 21, 5816,	$1.00	Oct. 21, "	2.00	3.00
Parley Davis,			" "	2.00	2.00
Isaac Fletcher,			" "	2.00	2.00
Jacob Davis,	Oct. 25, "	1.00			1.00
Harvey Clark,	" "	1.00			1.00
Joel Steele,	Nov. 1st, "	1.00	Dec. 4, "	2.00	3.00
Divine Tuttle,	" 5th, "	1.00			1.00
Stephen Pitkin,	" 20th, "	1.00	Dec. 4th, "	2.00	3.00
Nathaniel Davis,	" "	1.00	" "	2.00	3.00
John Poor,	Dec. 4, "	1.00			1.00
Salvin Collins,	Jan. 15, 5817,	1.00	Jan. 15, 5817,	2.00	3.00
Ebenezer Peck,			" "	2.00	2.00
Dues paid,					$29.00

A true copy.
Montpelier, June 2d, 5817.

LUCIUS Q. C. BOWLES, Secretary.'

At a regular communication of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, convened at Masons Hall Montpelier, Nov. 20th, 5816, the following Companions were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz:

M. E. Jeduthan Loomis,	High Priest.
M. E. Erastus Watrous,	King.
W. Joseph Howes,	Scribe.
M. E. Samuel Goss,	Capt. of Host.
Harry Richardson,	Principal Sojourner
Nathan Jewett,	Royal Arch Captain.
John Reed, Daniel Baldwin, Jona. Eddy,	M. Vails.
Timothy Hubbard,	Treasurer.
Lucius Q. C. Bowles,	Secretary.

Montpelier, June 2d, 5817.

A true copy from the record.

Attest, L. Q. C. Bowles, Secretary

No. 6. Windsor R. A Chapter, represented by Compn. Bowen, H. P., and proxy for Scribe, and Isaac Townsend, proxy for King, who made the following return, viz:

"Return to the Most Excellent, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, State of Vermont, of all those who have been advanced and exalted in the Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, and fees due Grand Chapter therefor, from the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5816, to the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Silas Bowen	High Priest.
E. Jesse Lull	King.
E. L. Hitchcock,	Scribe.

Names.		Marked.		Exalted.			
Alvan Taylor,	Hartland,	June 12, 5816.	$1.00	June 12, 5816,		$2.00	$3.00
Jos. Churchill,	Woodstock,	" "		"	"	2.00	2.00
Henry Lake,	"	" "		"	"	2 00	2.00
James Cochran,	Windsor,			"	'	2.00	2.00
John Pettis,	"	Sept. 11, "	1.00	Sept. 11,	"	2.00	3.00
Elisha Bowen, 2d.,	Reading,	" "	1 00	"	"	2.00	3.00
John Allison,	Claremont. N. H.,	" "		"	"	2.00	2 00
Joseph Baker,	Woodstock,			"	"	2.00	2 00
Rufus Root, Jr.,	Windsor,	Dec. 11, "		Dec. 11,	"	2.00	2.00
Asahel North,	"			"	"	2 00	2 00
Joseph Stocking,	"			"	"	2 00	2.00
Lewis Gallup,	Woodstock,			Jan. 15, 5817,		2 00	2.00
Nahum Duncan,	Weathersfield,			"	"	2.00	2.00
Thomas Dana,	Hartland,			"	"	2 00	2.00
Joseph Allen,	Claremont, N H ,	Mch. 12, "	1.00	Mch. 12,	"	2.00	3 00
Luther Parker,	Windsor,	" "	1.00	"	"	2.00	3 00
Saml. Aiken, 2d,	"			"	"	2.00	2 00
Dues paid,							$39.00

N. B. Ebenezer Carpenter (of Vermont Lodge No. 5) was rejected September 11th, A. L. 5816.

Attest, ISAAC TOWNSEND, Secretary.'

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter not represented.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter represented by Comp. Jona. Nye, proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe, who made the following return, viz:

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Return of all who have been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons, in Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, from the 4th day of June, 5816, to the first day of June, 5817.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Lemuel Whitney	High Priest.
Comp.	Phineas White,	King.
"	Jona. Robinson, Jr.,	Scribe.
"	Thos. K. Green,	Captain of Host.
"	Nahum Cutler,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Jos. Metcalf,	Royal Arch Captain.
	Saml. Clark, Asa Green, Elihu Field,	Masters of Vails.
	Jonas Mann,	Treasurer.
	Epaphroditus Seymour,	Secretary.
	Asa Boyden, Ora Farr,	Stewards.
	Nathl Bliss,	Tyler.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.
Jona. Barron,	Rockingham,	July 17, 5816.
Jona. Knight, Jr.,	Dummerston,	Nov. 20, "
Asa Boyden,	"	" "
Nathl. Bliss,	Brattleboro',	" "
Wm. H. Williams,	New Fane,	March 19, 5817.
Titus V. Ellis,	"	" "
Hezekiah Robinson,	"	" "
Hooker Leavitt,	Greenfield, Mass.,	" "
Rodolphus Dickinson,	"	" "
Thos. W. Ripley,	"	" "
Rev. Titus Strong,	"	" "

Paid as dues, $31.00.

N. B. David W. Sanborn, of New Fane, was rejected Jan. 15, 1817.

June 1st, 5817."

Epaphroditus Seymour, Secretary

No. 9. Washington Chapter, represented by Comp. A. Robbins, H. P. and proxy for King and Scribe, who made the following return.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Of all those who have been exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons in Washington Chapter No. 9, holden at Chester, from the 15th day of July, A. L. 5816, to the 30th day of May, 5817.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Artemas Robbins, High Priest.
E. Joseph Elliot, King.
Christopher Webber, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.	Fee.
Aaron Leland,	Chester,	Sept. 19, 1816,	$2.00
Uriel C. Hatch,	Cavendish,	" "	2.00
Jas. Field, Jr.,	Chester,	" "	2.00
Cephas L. Rockwood,	"	" "	2.00
Charles W. Chandler,	Andover,	" "	2.00
Daniel Wait,	Chester,	" "	2.00
John P. Williams,	"	Nov. 4th, 1816,	2.00
Amos Heald,	"	" "	2.00
Rufus Atwood,	"	" "	2.00
Jesse Adams,	Cavendish,	" "	2.00
James Robinson,	Chester,	" "	2.00
Nathan P. Fletcher,	Ludlow,	" "	2.00
Wm. Y. Henry,	Weston,	Dec. 30, "	2.00
Abel Bixby,	Springfield,	" "	2.00
Saml. Axtell,	Chester,	Feb. 10th, 1817,	2.00
Ashbel Earle,	"	" "	2.00
Addison Fletcher,	Cavendish,	Mch. 31st, "	2.00
Jason Weatherbee,	Charlestown, N. H.,	" "	2.00
Solomon Snow,	Rockingham,	" "	2.00
Jeremiah Field,	Chester,	May 5, "	3.00
Samuel Wolcott,	"	" "	3.00
Paid as dues,			$44.00

I hereby certifiy the foregoing to be a true return as appears from the records of this Lodge, May 30th, 1817.

Attest, Amos Heald, Secretary."

Comp. Lord presented an account for refreshments, amounting to the sum of Thirty-one dollars and twenty cents, and on motion, voted that the same be allowed him, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer for same.

On motion of Companion Jonathan Nye, voted that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and to make such alterations or amendments as they may deem necessary.

Companions M. E. Charles K. Williams, Jonathan Nye and Benjamin Lord, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when the following persons were duly elected to the respective offices as follows, viz :

M. E. Charles K. Williams,	Grand High Priest.
E. Silas Bowen,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Artemas Robbins,	Grand King.
George Robinson,	Grand Scribe.
Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Secretary.
Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Chaplain.
John Nason,	Grand Marshal.
John H. Cotton,	Grand Visitor.
Thomas Miller,	Grand Sentinel and Steward.

On motion, voted that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the communication from Temple Chapter No. 4.

Companions Artemas Robbins, John Nason and L. Q. C. Bowles were appointed such committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Companion Robbins introduced the following resolution, viz :

"For the purpose of establishing an uniformity of work in the several Secular Chapters of this State, and conform to the rules of Chapters in other States,

Resolved: That the Grand High Priest request the Grand Visitor of this State to obtain such information as he shall find to be the most correct, and visit each and every Chapter, and give them such directions as he shall think most consistent and shall receive five dollars per day for his services, to be paid out of the funds of the State Grand Chapter."

The resolution was referred to Companions C. K. Williams, J. Nye and B. Lord, who made the following report (on the back of the resolution), viz :

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:*

Your Committee to whom the within was referred, report that the same ought to be adopted and become a resolution of this Grand Chapter.

Rutland, June 4, A. L. 5817.

C. K. Williams, for Committee."

Which report was accepted by the Grand Chapter, and on motion shall the resolution be adopted, and become a resolution of this Grand Chapter, voted that it should be. The resolution therefore has become a resolution of this Grand Chapter.

Companions Nye, Newell and Nason were (on motion) appointed a Committee to enquire what further Clothing and Jewels are necessary for this State Grand Chapter, and made the following report (in writing), viz :

"The Committee appointed to consider what further Clothing and Jewels are necessary for this State Grand Chapter, respectfully report, that a complete set of Jewels and Collars be purchased, with suitable clothing for the Deputy Grand High Priest, and all other necessary clothing to render the Chapter respectable (in their dress).

Submitted, Jonathan Nye, for Committee."

Which report was accepted by the Chapter.

The following resolution was introduced, to wit :

"The Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, having been altered from Jany. to June, therefore. Resolved that the several Secular Chapters and Mark Lodges of this State in future shall hold their election of officers on their Communication next preceding the Communication of the Grand Chapter in June."

Which resolution was referred to Comps. Williams, Nye and Lord, who made the following report on same (on the back of the resolution), to wit:

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the within resolution, report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to adopt the same.

Rutland, June 4, 1817.

C. K. WILLIAMS, for Committee."

Which report was accepted by the Chapter.

The Committee on Revision of By-Laws made report as follows:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:*

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of revising and amending the By-Laws, report that in their opinion the 14th Article ought to be amended by striking out the words 'Festival of St. John the Evangelist,' and inserting 'Annual Communication of the State Grand Chapter,' and also by adding to the By-Laws the following Article, to wit: 'No Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction shall give any credit for advancing or exalting fees.'

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Rutland, June 5th, 5817.

C. K. WILLIAMS, for Committee."

Upon the report aforesaid, on question, shall the same be accepted?

It was objected that the first proposed amendment to the By-Laws by altering the 14th Article ought not to take place.

Upon the question of amendment, shall it take place?

Voted that it should not.

Upon the question of adding the subsequent part of said report to the By-Laws, to wit:

"That no Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction shall give any credit for exalting or advancing fees," the same passed in the affirmative and has become an ordinance of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, voted to appoint a Committee of one member to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chaplain for his excellent sermon delivered before said Chapter, the present session, and to present him with twenty dollars. M. E. Charles K. Williams was appointed said Committee, who subsequently reported to the Chapter that he had performed that service.

The following resolution was passed, and became a resolution of this Grand Chapter, to wit:

"In Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, June 4th, A. L. 5817. On motion, Resolved: That this Grand Chapter present the National Bible Society with sixty dollars for the purpose of constituting the Rev. Jonathan Nye, of New Fane, our present Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Ebenezer Hebard, of Brandon, our past Grand Chaplain, members of said Society for Life, and that a committee of one be appointed for that purpose."

Comp. M. E. Charles K. Williams was appointed said committee.

Lectures attended to on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

On motion, adjourned until the 5th inst at 9 o'clock A.M.

Thursday, June 5, 1817, 9 o'clock A. M.

Chapter called from dispensation to labor

Comp. Silas Bowen was appointed a Committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer, who made the following report, viz:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session.*

Your Committee who was appointed to settle with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, reports that having attended to the business and balanced the Secretary's accounts, finds in the hands of the Treasurer eight hundred, sixty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents, not including any money paid in the present session, which is respectfully submitted

SILAS BOWEN, Committee."

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee appointed on the communication from Temple Chapter No. 4, made the following report.

"*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session:*

Your committee to whom was referred the situation of Temple Chapter at Bennington, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the said Chapter be immediately notified to send their returns, with their dues which they owe to this Grand Chapter, to the M. E. Grand High Priest within two months from this time, or their Charter become forfeited, and that the M. E. G. H. Priest be authorized to demand the same, with the funds of Chapter, their Jewels and Furniture.

Rutland, June 5, 1817.

ARTEMAS ROBBINS, for Committee."

Which report was read and accepted.

On motion, voted that the Grand Secretary cite all Chapters and Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter not represented and have not made their returns, at this Communication, to appear at the next stated

communication of this Grand Chapter, and show cause (if any they have) why their Charters shall not become forfeited.

The petition of Brethren for a Mark Lodge at Orwell, laid over from last communication, was called up, and on motion the same was dismissed.

The petition of Brethren praying for a Chapter at Pawlet, laid over from last Communication, called up and on motion dismissed.

The following resolution was read, passed and became a resolution of this Grand Chapter, as follows, to wit:

Resolved: That the By-Laws and Ordinances of this Grand Chapter be printed, with such other matter as shall be thought necessary, and a copy be sent to each Chapter and Mark Lodge in the State, and that a Committee be appointed to superintend the same.

Companions Lemuel Whitney, Artemas Robbins and Jonathan Nye, were appointed said Committee.

"*Resolved:* That the Secretary of this Chapter be directed to notify the Grand Chapter of the State of New York of the irregular proceedings of Temple Chapter in Albany, in exalting Sewall Cutting, of Windsor, who had been rejected in Windsor Chapter, and of exalting Joseph D. Wheelock, then under suspension for unmasonic conduct in Green Mountain Lodge, and others residing within the vicinity of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter without a recomendation from such Chapters."

The following petition was presented.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session:*

The humble petition of William Storer, a Companion of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, holden in Rutland, humbly sheweth, that although your petitioner hath wrought with labor and travail night and day that he might not be chargeable to any of you, yet the hand of the Lord hath been heavy upon him, and he with his family has been afflicted with sickness for more than eighteen months past, by which his wife and an aged parent have been removed by death within a few weeks past, and his eldest daughter rendered unable for more than five months

from taking any care of his family, by which and the extreme hardness and pressure of the times, he has been unable to procure the real necessaries for the comfortable support of himself and remaining family, and that after exerting himself to the utmost ; and it is truly humiliating to acknowledge, he is obliged as the last resort to have recourse to your wonted benevolence, and to solicit such aid (as after due inquiry into the truth of the above statement) your Honorable Body shall see fit to grant, and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

Rutland, Vt., June 4, 1817.

Signed, WILLIAM STORER."

Which petition was read and referred to Companions Green, Bowen and Townsend, who made the following report (on the back of the petition), to wit :

" *To the M. E. G. H. P. Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now in session :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the within petition, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the facts therein stated are true, and that the prayer of the petitioner be so far granted as to allow him thirty dollars out of the funds of this Chapter.

JOEL GREEN, for Committee."

Which report was on motion accepted, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the said sum of thirty dollars. $30.00

Comp. G. Newell presented an account of six dollars and twenty-five cents, which was allowed him, and an order drawn on the Treasury for the same. $6 25.

Comp. Thos. Miller presented an account of thirty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, which was allowed him, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. $36.66.

Comp. Artemas Robbins, paid sixty dollars, for the Char ter of Washington Chapter No. 9. $60.00.

Treasurer Dr. To Cash paid you, $231.00

" Dr. " " same day, 60.00 $291 00

Companion Artemas Robbins was appointed a Committee to procure the Furniture, Jewels, etc., for Dept. G. H P. and agreeable to the report of the Committee appointed on that subject.

Voted, that the Committee appointed to print the By-Laws, and the Committee to procure the furniture, etc., be allowed to draw orders on the Treasurer as they may think proper and find it expedient.

Lectures on the 7th or R. A. Degree attended to.

Voted, that the trunk, papers and records of this Grand Chapter be delivered to the care of Comp. Nye, and to be conveyed to the Secretary elect at the expense of the Chapter.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to make out and deliver to Companion Ezekiel Porter a certificate of his standing in this Chapter, and the several offices which he has held in the same.

Voted, that the letters of dispensation to the Salisbury Mark Lodge be recalled.

The following article was adopted as the rules and regulations of this State Grand Chapter as follows:

"ART. That the officers of the Subordinate Chapters who attend the Communication of the Grand Chapter must appear Clothed in their proper Jewels."

Mark Lodge called from dispensation to labor and closed in due and ancient form.

Chapter called from dispensation to labor.

On motion,

Resolved: That the resolution and vote passed at a regular Communication of this Chapter holden at Rutland, in June, 5815, appointing and authorizing Companions B. Lord, James Porter and Ozias Fuller, to loan the funds of the Chapter, be, and they hereby are repealed and rescinded, and held for naught.

The Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

GORDON NEWELL, Grand Secretary, *pro. tem.*

A true record.

LEMUEL WHITNEY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeable to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Chapter, at Masons Hall, Rutland, June 3d, A. L. 5818, and opened on the Fourth or Mark degree.

PRESENT.

SILAS BOWEN,	as Master.
ARTEMAS ROBBINS,	as Senior Warden.
JOHN H. COTTON,	as Junior Warden.
BENJAMIN LORD,	Treasurer.
LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Secretary.
JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	Master Overseer.
CEPHAS L. ROCKWOOD,	Senior Overseer.
JOSEPH CHURCHILL,	Junior Overseer.
THOMAS MILLER,	Tyler and Sentinel.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Hiram Union, Pawlet, represented by Jonathan Robinson, J. W. and proxy for S. W.

Dues paid, $20.00.

"A return to the Grand Chapter of Vermont of those who have been Advanced in Hiram Union Mark Lodge No. 1, from June 5, A. L. 5816, to Mch. 18, A. L. 5818.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Aaron Mosier,	Wells,	June 19, 5816,	$1.00
Stedman Beebe,	Danby,	" "	1.00
Ory Gifford,	Dorset,	" "	1.00
Truman Curtis,	"	" "	1.00
Hartley Holister,	Pawlet,	Sept. 17, "	1.00
Joel Janes,	"	" "	1.00
Elijah Weeks,	"	" "	1.00
Johnson M. Cook,	"	" "	1.00
Zera F. Wright,	"	" "	1.00
Wm. Beebe,	Danby,	" "	1.00
Azariah Lathrop,	Wells,	Dec. 17, "	1.00
James Frisby,	Tinmouth,	March 19, "	1.00
Ezekiel Beebe,	Pawlet,	" "	1.00
Richard Robinson,	"	" "	1.00
Harvey Cook,	"	June 18, "	1.00
Moses Ward,	Danby,	" "	1.00
Nicholas Cook,	Wallingford,	Sept. 17, "	1.00
Nathan Mitchell,	Wells,	Dec. 17, "	1.00
Isaac Griswold,	Middletown,	" "	1.00
Marcus Smith,	Middlebury,	March 18, 5818,	1.00
			$20.00

OFFICERS.

Raymond Hodgkiss, Master.
Phineas Strong, Senior Warden.
Jonathan Robinson, Junior Warden.

[L. S.]

Attest, Harvey Cook, Secretary."

No. 2. Union, Middlebury, not represented.

No. 3. Temple, Bennington, extinct.

No. 4. Morning Star, Poultney, represented by John P. Colburn, Master and proxy for S. W.

Dues paid $3.00.

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of those who have been Advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason in "Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4," from June, A. L. 5816, to June, A. L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

John S. Colburn,	Master.
Barnabas Ellis,	Senior Warden.
Truman Hosford,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Harris Smith,	Nov. 6, A. L. 5816,	$1.00
Barker Frisby,	June 2, " 5817,	1.00
Reuben Wood,	Jan. 5, " 5818,	1.00
		$3.00

Attest, Moses Cotton, Secretary."

No. 5. Windsor, Windsor, represented by Silas Bowen. Dues paid $6.00.

"Returns to the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced in Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, from the first Wednesday in June, 1817.

OFFICERS.

William Donaghue,	Master.
Horace Smith,	Senior Warden.
Calvin Chapin, Jr.,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Alvan Woodruff,	Windsor,	Aug. 13th, 5817.	$1.00
Ira Bishop,	"	Nov. 12, "	1.00
Daniel Denison,	Hartland,	" "	1.00
Solomon Wellman,	Cornish, N. H.,	" "	1.00
George Aiken,	Windsor,	Feb. 12, 5818,	1.00
John Aiken,	"	" "	1.00
			$6.00

Windsor, May 13th, 5818.

Attest, John L. Putnam, Secretary."

No. 6. Arlington, Arlington, represented by Br. Elijah Buck.

Dues paid $3.00.

"Returns of Arlington Mark Lodge No. 6, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all who have been Advanced from June, A. L. 5817, to the present time.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Buck,	Master.
Edmund Graves,	Senior Warden.
William Hoit,	Junior Warden.
Michael Bennet,	Treasurer.
Julius Beebe,	Secretary.
Aaron G. Ferris,	Master Overseer.
Ira Hard,	Senior Overseer.
Benjamin Cook,	Junior Overseer.
Abraham Hurd,	Senior Steward.
Samuel Coggswell,	Junior Steward.
Samuel Ellsworth,	Tyler.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Abner Hurd,	Nov. 25th, A. L. 5817.	$1.00
Cyrus B. Hills,	Jan. 27, " 5818,	1.00
Thomas Peck,	" " "	1.00
		$3.00

Robert R. Bennet expelled Nov. 25, A. L. 5817.

[L. S.]

Julius Beebe, Secretary."

No 7. Aurora, Bradford, extinct.

No. 8. Washington, Woodstock, represented by Joseph Churchill, Jr., Junior Warden and proxy for Master and Senior Warden.

Dues paid $9.00.

"Returns of Washington Mark Lodge No. 8 at Woodstock, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont commencing June, 5817, and ending March, 5818.

OFFICERS.

WILLIS HALL, Jr.,	Master.
JOSEPH CHURCHILL, Jr.,	Senior Warden.
BENNET PALMER,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Jonathan Whitney,	Royalton,	June, 1817,	$1.00
David Pierce,	Woodstock,	" "	1.00
Wm. Perkins, Jr.,	"	Sept. "	1.00
Ebenr. Pratt,	Bridgewater,	" "	1.00
Jonathan Boyce,	"	" "	1.00
Hills Hunton,	Hartford,	Dec. "	1.00
Thomas Waterman,	"	" "	1.00
Daniel Spooner,	"	March, 1818,	1.00
Elijah Yemans,	Norwich,	" "	1.00
			$9.00

I hereby certify the above to be a correct return of the Advancements the year past in said Lodge.

Woodstock, June 1, 5818.

[L. S.]

THOMAS BARNS, Secretary."

No. 9. Queen of Sheba, New Fane represented by Jonathan Nye, no dues. (Charter Returned.)

No. 10. Rising Sun, Chester, extinct.

Lectures on the Fourth Degree attended to.

Mark Lodge dispensed with.

Br James Farnsworth appointed Marshal of the day.

Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. CHARLES K. WILLIAMS,	Grand High Priest.
E. SILAS BOWEN,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ARTEMAS ROBBINS,	King.
E. JOHN H. COTTON,	as Secretary.
Comp. JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	as Captain of Host.
JOSEPH CHURCHILL, Jr.,	as Principal Sojourner.
JOEL GREEN,	as Royal Arch Captain.
NICHOLS GODDARD,	as Master 1st Vail.
BENJAMIN SMITH,	as Master 2d Vail.
CEPHAS H. ROCKWOOD,	as Master 3d Vail.

Chapter dispensed with labor during the pleasure of the M. E. G. High Priest, and proceeded to the Court House where a suitable and appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. Companion Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain. After returning to the Hall, formed procession and proceeded to Br. Abel Page's and partook of a sumptuous entertainment, after which the Chapter resumed labor.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented and made returns as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by H. P. K. and S.

Dues paid $12.00.

"To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting at Rutland:

From Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, at Rutland.

The following are all those who have received the several degrees of Mark Master, and Royal Arch Mason, since the last yearly communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Moses Cotton,		Jan. 13th, A. L. 5818.
Jesse Parkil,		" "
Medad Sheldon,	March 10, 1818.	May 12, "
Bartholomew Chadwick,	May 12, "	" "
Barnabas Ellis,		" "

OFFICERS.

JOEL GREEN,	High Priest.
WM. STORER,	King.
WM. GOOKINS,	Scribe.

Attest, NATHAN DOANE, Secretary."

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by Comp. James Farnsworth, proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.

Dues paid J. Green, $81.00.

"Return to the Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Exalted in Champlain Chapter No. 2, from the first day of June, A. L. 5817, to the seventh day of June, A. L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

ZERAH WILLOUGHBY,	High Priest.
JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	King.
JOEL CLAPP,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.
Thaddeus Murdock,	Cambridge,	Jan. 20th, A. L. 5818.
Perrin B. Fisk,	"	" "

Champlain Chapter No. 2, June 2d, A. L. 5818.

ABIJAH STONE, Secretary.'

No. 3. Jerusalem, Vergennes.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Returns of all who have been Advanced or Exalted in Jerusalem Chapter holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of G. R. A. Chapter, between the 5th day of June, A. L. 5815, and the 1st day of June, A. L. 5817 (2 years).

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Gaius Wheaton,		July 24, A. L. 5815.
Jas. F. Brooks,		" "
Saml. H. Tupper,	July 17, 5815.	Sept. 18, "
Horace Wheeler,	" 24, "	" "
Wm. Campbell,		" "
Nathl. Peckham,		Nov. 20, "
Timothy Dolbear,		" "

Oliver Bangs,		Jan. 15,	A. L. 5816.
Abijah Barnum,		"	"
Benjamin Skiff,		"	"
Augustus Grosvenor,		"	"
Samuel Bryant,		"	"
Lemon Judson,		"	"
Amasa Belknap,	Jan. 15, 5816,	Feb. 6,	"
Ramoth Wade,		Mch. 18,	"
Parley Grosvenor,	May 20th, "	May 27,	"
Gideon H. Wood,	" "	"	"
John B. Kirkham,		" 20,	"
Samuel Hurlbert,		"	"
Farmily Hemingway.		"	"
John B. Hollenbeck,		Sept. 16,	"
Benjamin Fisk,	Jan. 20, 5817,	Feb. 6,	A. L. 5817.
Jacob G. Thing,		"	"
Tilley Flint,		Mch. 17,	"

FEES.

18 Master Masons Exalted, at	$3.00	$54.00
6 Mark Master Masons Exalted, at	2.00	12.00
		$66.00

Communications third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

At a regular communication of Jerusalem Chapter holden at Vergennes on the 20th day of November, A. L. 5815, the following Companions were duly elected for the year ensuing, to discharge the duties of the several offices annexed to their names respectively.

LUTHER HALL,	High Priest.
JOHN SMITH, Jr.,	King.
WM. M. GAGE,	Scribe.
MARTIN STONE,	Captain of Host.
JOHN MCVINE,	Principal Sojourner.
ALLURED HITCHCOCK,	Royal Arch Captain.
DURAND ROBERTS,	Treasurer.
RUSSELL A. BARNUM,	Secretary.
SETH GEER, RUFUS FERRIS, JOHN THOMPSON,	Masters of Vails.
ELIJAH HITCHCOCK,	Steward and Tyler.

The above and foregoing is a true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter.

[L. S.]

Attest, RUSSELL A. BARNUM, Secretary.'

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, :*

Returns of all the Members who have been Advanced or Exalted in Jerusalem Chapter holden at Vergennes under the jurisdiction of the G. R. A. Chapter, between the 1st day of June, A. L. 5817, and the 1st of June, A. L. 5818 (1 year).

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Christopher Dennison, Jr.,	July 21, A. L. 5817.	Mch. 16, A. L. 5818.
John B. Catlin,		Nov. 17, " 5817.
Saml. Wilson,	Jan. 2, " 5818.	Jan. 19, " 5818.
Uzal Piersons, Jr.,		" " "
Wm. Livingston,		" " "
Wm. A. Sands,		Mch. 16. " "
Norman Munson,	May 18, " 5818.	

Fees to Grand R. A. Chapter.		
5 Master Masons Exalted	$3.00	$15.00
1 Mark Master "	2.00	2.00
1 Master Mason Advanced,	1.00	1 00
		$18.00

Communications the Third Monday in Jany., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

OLIVER BANGS,	High Priest.
SETH GEER,	King.
JOHN SMITH,	Scribe.
AMASA BELKNAP,	Captain of Host.
WM. WHITFORD,	Principal Sojourner.
HORACE WHEELER,	Royal Arch Captain.
LUTHER E. HALL,	Treasurer.
RUSSELL A. BARNUM,	Secretary.
ASA STRONG, SAML. WILSON, WM. A. SANDS,	Masters of Vails.
ALLURED HITCHCOCK,	Steward and Tyler.

The above and foregoing is a true extract of the records of Jerusalem Chapter.

Vergennes, June 1st, A. L. 5818.

[L. S.]

Attest, RUSSELL A. BARNUM, Secretary."

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington.

"A return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of all who have been Advanced and Exalted in Temple Chapter No. 4, from the regular Communication of June, A. L. 5817, to June, A. L. 5818.

Name,	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Charles Gardner,	Dec. 18, 5817.		$1.00
Samuel B. Young,		May 22, 5818.	2.00
			$3.00

Bennington, June 1st. A. L. 5818.

I hereby certify that the foregoing return is correct, and the sum of three dollars is the sum due from the Chapter No. 4, in Bennington, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, as appears from record.

OFFICERS.

ZACHEUS HOVEY,	High Priest.
ELIJAH BUCK,	King.
SAMUEL SCOTT,	Scribe.

Attest, DANL. MCEWEN, Secretary."

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor.

"Return of Windsor Chapter No. 6.

OFFICERS.

SILAS BOWEN,	High Priest.
LEMUEL HITCHCOCK,	King.
GAIUS PERKINS,	Scribe.
JOHN PRATT,	Captain of Host.
JOHN HITCHCOCK, Jr.,	Principal Sojourner.
RUFUS ROOT, Jr.,	Royal Arch Captain.
STEPHEN RICE,	Treasurer.
ZENAS HITCHCOCK,	Secretary.

John T. Leverett,	Master 1st Vail.
Lemuel Hodge,	Master 2nd Vail.
Calvin Chapin,	Master 3d Vail.
Zebulin Lee, Jr., Alvin Taylor,	Stewards.
Wm. Donoghue,	Tyler.
Rev. Daniel Barber,	Chaplain.
Rufus Root, Jesse Lull,	Prudential Committee.

Returns to the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced and Exalted in Windsor Chapter No. 6, holden at Windsor, from the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5817, to the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5818.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Benja. Stevens,	June 11, 1817.		$1.00
Joshua Upham,		June 11, 1817.	2.00
Lemuel Hedge,		" "	2.00
Daniel Stevens,		" "	2.00
Thos. F. Hammond,		Sept. 10, "	2.00
Richard M. Ely,		" "	2.00
John Tray,	Dec. 10, 1817,	Dec. 10, "	3.00
Amos Hulet,		" "	2.00
Danl. Dennison,		" "	2.00
Roswell Elmore,	Mch. 11, 1817,	Mch. 11, "	3.00
John Stevens,	" "	" "	3.00
James Pearl,		" "	2.00
			$26.00

N. B. At a regular communication of Windsor R. A. Chapter No. 6, Dec. 10, 1817, Ebenezer Carpenter and Daniel Bond, Junr., were rejected.

Attest, Zenas Hitchcock, Secretary."

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford.

"Annual return of the persons who have been Advanced and Exalted in Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, since the last report to the State Grand Chapter, as follows.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
George M. Phelps,	June 16, 1817,	June 16, 1817.	$3.00
Royal Morris,	" "	" "	3.00
Dudley Ladd,	" "	" "	3.00
Jesse Merrill,	" "	Aug. 11, "	3.00
Samuel B. Wright,	" "	" "	3.00
David Brown,	" "	" "	3.00
Wm. Coolidge,	" "	Sept. 9, "	3.00
Jonathan W. Scott,	" "	" "	3.00
Solomon Cummings,	" "	Oct. 14, "	3.00
Alanson Smith,	" "	" "	3.00
John Hosford,	" "	" "	3.00
Wm. Martin,	" "	Nov. 11, "	3.00
John Sleeper,	" "	Feb. 10, 1818.	3.00
Saml. Page,	" "	Mar. 3, "	3.00
Ira Mann,	" "	" "	3.00
Soloman Mann,		" "	2.00
Elisha May,	" "	" 31, "	3.00
			$50.00

OFFICERS.

John H. Cotton,	High Priest.
Elisha Thayer,	King.
Thos. Currier,	Scribe.

Attest, Jesse Merrill, Secretary."

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro'.

"Returns to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, from the 20th day of May, A. L. 5817, to this time.

OFFICERS.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,	High Priest.
PHINEAS WHITE,	King.
JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.	Advanced.	Fee
Henry Clark,	Brattleboro',	July 18, 5817,		$3.00
Erastus Dickinson,	"	" "		3.00
Edward Houghton.	Guilford,	Sept. 17, "		3.00
Aaron Barney,	"	" "		3.00
David W. Sanborn,	New Fane,		Nov. 19, 5817,	2.00
Philip Ripley,	Townsend,		" "	2.00
				$16.00

Masons Hall, Brattleboro, May 25th, A. L. 5818.

Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8.

The foregoing is a true extract from the records.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of said Chapter.

[L. S.]

EPAPHRO. SEYMOUR, Secretary."

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester.

"Return to the Most Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Washington Chapter No. 9, in Chester, from the 4th day of June, A. L. 5817, until the 2d day of June, A. L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH ELLIOT,	High Priest.
JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	King.
DANIEL WAIT,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Ethan B. Webb,	Rockingham,		Feb. 23,	$2.00
Danl. Kellogg,	"	Jan. 13,		1.00
Isaac Reed,	Chester,		Feb. 23,	2.00
Joseph Patterson,	Ludlow,		"	2.00

Elias Watkins,	Chester,		May 25,	2.00
Nomlas Cobb,	Springfield,		"	2.00
Phineas T. Wales,	"	May 25,	"	3.00
Dues,				$14.00

Dated at Masons Hall in Chester, this 2d day of June, A. L. 5818.

AMOS HEALD, Secretary."

On motion, voted that the Treasurer be credited five dollars for a counterfeit bill taken last year.

Petition of Windsor Chapter presented and referred to Comps. Newell, Cotton and Strong.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont*:

At a regular communication of Windsor Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, holden at Comp. Pettis' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th day of March, A. L. 5818.

Resolved: That a special communication of this Chapter be holden on the third Wednesday of May next for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Chapter of Vermont for leave to remove Windsor Chapter No. 6, from the town of Windsor to the town of Woodstock, and that the Secretary cause notice of the same by publishing in both the papers printed in Windsor, for three weeks previous.

Notice has accordingly been given, and a special communication holden in Comp. Pettis' Hall, in Windsor, on the 20th day of May, at which time said Chapter voted to petition the Grand Chapter of Vermont for leave to remove Windsor R. A. Chapter No. 6, from the town of Windsor to the town of Woodstock."

Petition to remove Mark Lodge from Poultney to Fairhaven referred to above Committee.

"Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, convened at the Room in Poultney, at an adjourned meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 2d, 5818, and voted to remove said Lodge to Fairhaven for the time being, and chose Brother Samuel Martin as Committee to request a dispensation from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont for the removal of said Lodge.

DANIEL PARSONS, Secretary."

Report of the Grand Visitor was read and accepted and ordered to be filed by the Secretary.

Communication from Comp Salem Town, committed to Comps. C H. Williams, Nye and Cotton.

Companions Whitney, Rockwood and Nye were appointed a Committee to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to Companion Williams for his past services to this Chapter as Grand High Priest.

Companions Whitney, Lord and Farnsworth were appointed a Committee to count and sort votes for officers at the present election for the ensuing year.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to their respective offices as follows, to wit:

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gordon Newell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Artemas Robbins,	Grand King.
E. James Farnsworth,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Benj. Smith,	Grand Visitor.

Grand Chapter adjourned until June 4th.

Attest, Lemuel Whitney, Grand Secretary.

Masons Hall, Rutland, June 4, A. L. 5818.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened, agreeable to previous adjournment. The Throne of Grace having been addressed by our Rev. Comp. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, Comp. Bowen was appointed Grand Marshal *pro tem.*

Companions Goddard, Bowen and Nye were appointed a Committee to settle with the former Secretary and Treasurer.

Communication received from Queen of Sheba Mark Lodge No. 9, New Fane, as follows.

"At a regular communication of Queen of Sheba Mark Lodge No. 9, it was voted to suspend the labors of said Lodge, and return the Charter to the Grand Chapter, respectfully requesting them to receive the same.

New Fane, Jany. 20, 1818.

Signed, HEZEKIAH ROBINSON, Secretary.',

And on motion the above request was granted, and the Charter received.

The Committee on the petition for a Chapter at Pawlet, laid over from last communication (see page 190) made a report against said petition, which was accepted, and the petition was accordingly dismissed.

The Committee on the petition for the removal of Windsor Chapter from Windsor to Woodstock, (see page 235) made a report in favor of said petition, which was accepted, and the prayer of the petition granted accordingly.

The Committee on the petition for the removal of Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4, from Poultney to Fairhaven, made report in favor of said petition, as follows:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

We your committee to whom was referred the subject of this resolution or petition,

Report, that having attended to the same, find that in our opinion Morning Star Mark Lodge No. 4 ought to be removed, in conformity with the vote of the said Lodge, to Fairhaven, which is submitted.

G. NEWELL, for Committee."

Which was accepted, and the prayer thereof granted accordingly.

M. E. John H. Cotton presented an account for his services, which was referred to the Committee appointed to settle with the former Secretary and Treasurer.

Companion Bowen was excused from serving on said Committee, and Companion Williams was appointed in his room.

Companion Artemas Robbins presented an account for purchasing Jewels, etc., referred to the same Committee.

Voted, that two copies of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter now printed be sent to each Chapter, and one to each officer of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Whitney presented the following resolution.

"*Resolved:* That the Secretary of this Grand Chapter immediately forward to the General Grand Secretary, and to the Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters, a copy of the By-Laws and ordinances of this Grand Chapter as lately published, and request a copy from the several State Grand Chapters in return."

Which was adopted and became a resolution of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Nye presented the following resolution.

" *Resolved:* That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of petitioning the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation."

Which was adopted, and Companions C. K. Williams, J. H. Cotton and Moses Strong, were appointed such Committee.

A petition for a Mark Lodge at Bethel was presented and referred to the Committee on petitions of the same nature.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

We the undersigned Mark Master Masons residing in the town of Bethel in the county of Windsor and its vicinity beg leave humbly to state that we are now under the necessity of travelling from fifteen to twenty miles to attend a Mark Lodge, and that many worthy Master Masons who are anxious to become Mark Masters, &c., will not go such a distance and among strangers to be Advanced. As we are confidant it would conduce to the benefit of the craft and accommodate many

worthy brothers as well as ourselves, we humbly petition your honorable body to grant us a Mark Masters Lodge to set in Bethel aforesaid.

Nathan Davis,
Benjamin Putnam,
Jonathan Whitney,
Eli Austin,
Amos Jones,
Abijah ——,
Phinehas Parkhurst,
James B. Ralston,
Oliver H. Brooks."

Stephen Cleveland,
Rufus Copeland,
Abiel Austin,
Bebe L. Cutler,
Lovell Hebbard,
Nathan Kimbal,
Jacob Collamer,
Jonathan Eaton,

The petition was endorsed as follows :

"In Washington Mark Lodge, March 18, A. L. 5818.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

Resolved: By the Washington Mark Lodge, that the approbation of this Lodge be granted to the Brothers petitioning for a Mark Lodge in Bethel for the establishment of a Mark Lodge in that place.

Attest, THOMAS BARNES, Secretary of sd Lodge."

Comps. Strong and Newell excused from serving upon said Committee, and Companions Hovey and Bangs were appointed in their room.

Comp. James Farnsworth paid eighty-one dollars as the dues of Champlain Chapter No. 2, for three years ending June 3d, A. L. 5818.

Comp. Newell presented the following resolution.

"*Resolved:* That a Committee be appointed to procure a suitable plate for the purpose of striking proper diplomas for the use of this Grand Chapter."

Which was adopted, and Companion B. Lord was appointed to serve as said Committee.

On motion, Companion John H. Cotton was appointed to wait on the Grand Chaplain, and return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to him for his excellent discourse delivered to the Grand Chapter on the 3d inst., and to present him $20 from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Called from labor to refreshment.

MASONS' HALL, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Called from dispensation to labor.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Companions at Bethel, praying for a charter for a Mark Lodge at that place, made the following report in favor of the petition, and the report was adopted.

In Grand Chapter, Rutland, June 4, 1818.

The Committee to whom was referred the within petition, report that the same has been under their consideration, and believe that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, all which is submitted by

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Treasurer was, on motion, directed to secure a note against Companions Fuller, Page and Mr. Henry Gould.

The Committee on Brother Salem Town's Book made report as follows:

"The Committee appointed to examine a book composed by Bro. Salem Town, and entitled, 'A System of Speculative Masonry,' beg leave to report that we consider it a valuable and interesting publication, and would recommend that it be committed to the Grand Chaplain for the purpose of communicating to him our candid approbation.

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee."

And the report was, on motion, accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred Companion Whitney's account made a report, but it was not accepted.

On motion, resolved that the Past Grand Secretary be paid $25 for his services the past year, in recording the proceedings of two years, and superintending the printing of the By-Laws.

Account of Comp. Abel Page for refreshment was presented and ordered to be paid.

The resolution for a petition to Legislature for an act of incorporation was dismissed.

The Committee appointed to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to our former Most Excellent Grand High Priest, report that they have performed their duty.

The Committee appointed to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to Companion Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, made report that they had performed that duty.

Comp. L. Whitney introduced a resolution for paying the Grand Secretary $20 per year for his services, and Comps. Williams, Nye and Strong were appointed a Committee to report it at the next communication of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Steward's bill of $25.75 was presented and ordered paid.

Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

Called from labor to dispensation on Royal Arch Degree, and called to labor on the Fourth Degree. Lectured on the Fourth Degree. Closed the Mark Lodge, and called to labor on the Royal Arch Degree, and no further business appearing, the closed Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due form.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

On the 19th of December, A. L. 5818, a dispensation was granted by the E Deputy Grand High Priest for a Chapter at Pawlet. Dues paid, $60.

A Charter was also made out for a Mark Lodge at Bethel, in accordance with the direction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Dues paid, $20.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeable to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Chapter, at Masons Hall, Rutland, June 2d, A. L. 5819, and opened on the Fourth or Mark degree.

PRESENT.

JOHN H. COTTON,	as Worshipful Master.
LEMUEL WHITNEY,	as Senior Warden.
JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	as Junior Warden.
BENJAMIN LORD,	Treasurer.
JOEL GREEN,	Secretary.
NICHOLS GODDARD,	as Overseer.
JOEL CLAPP,	"
CEPHAS L. ROCKWOOD,	"
THOMAS MILLER,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by Rev. Comp. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows:

No. 1. Hiram Union Mark Lodge, Pawlet.

Represented by RAYMOND HOTCHKISS,	Master.
PHINEAS STRONG,	Senior Warden.
JONATHAN ROBBINS,	Junior Warden.

"Returns to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all who have been advanced in Hiram Union Mark Lodge, from the 5th day of June, A. L. 5818:

OFFICERS.

Raymond Hotchkiss,	Master.
Phineas Strong,	Senior Warden.
Jonathan Robinson,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
Allen Andrews,	Pawlet,	June 17, A. L. 5818,		$1.00
James Sweet, Jr.,	Danby,	Sept. 16,	"	1.00
John Vaughn,	"	"	"	1.00
Elisha Allen,	Pawlet,	Dec. 16,	"	1.00
Silas Fitch,	"	"	"	1.00
David Hollister,	"	"	"	1.00
Israel Sheldon,	Rupert,	May 17,	"	1.00
Dues paid,				$7.00

A true return. Pawlet, May 31, A. L. 5818.

Attest: Harvey Cook, Secretary."

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury.

Represented by Bro. John Chipman, with proxy for the other two officers

"Returns to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in Union Mark Masters Lodge, No. 2, as well as those expelled or suspended, since the 12th day of June, 5817.

OFFICERS.

Edward Eells,	Master.
John M. Weeks,	Senior Warden.
Elizur Peck,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
Stephen Weston,	Middlebury,	June 12, 5817,		$1.00
Robert Annir,	"	May 4,	"	1.00
Hervey Ball,	"	"	"	1.00
Wm. Geede,	Leicester,	June 11,	"	1.00
Benj. Seymour,	Middlebury,	Oct. 2,	"	1.00

Ben. Sanford,	Cornwall,	Dec. 10, 5817.	1.00
Rich. Bowen Brown,	"	Feb. 12, "	1.00
Lavius Filmore,	"	" "	1.00
James Wilson,	"	April 8, "	1.00
Charles Linsley,	"	" "	1.00
Fees paid,			$10.00

John Hier and Stephen Weston expelled April 8, 5817.
Benaiah Hanson, suspended June 11, 5818.
Middlebury, May 31, A. L. 5819.

Attest: HERVEY BALL, Secretary."

No 4. Morning Star, Poultney, not represented.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, not represented.

The following Return was received and accepted by vote of the Grand Chapter:

"A Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those who have been advanced in Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, for the year ending May 12, 5819:

OFFICERS.

HORACE SMITH,	Master.
CALVIN CHAPIN,	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH STOCKING,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Jacob Adams,	Windsor,	May 11, A. L. 5818,	$1.00
Joel Lull,	"	Feb. 10, "	1.00
Dan'l Bowen,	Weathersfield,	May 12, "	1.00
Rev. Leland Howard,	Windsor,	" "	1.00
Dues paid,			$4.00

Windsor, May 12, A. L. 5819,

Attest: JOHN L. PUTNAM, Secretary."

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, Arlington, represented.

"Returns of all those who have been Advanced in Arlington Mark Lodge No. 6, since May, A. L. 5818, to the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Buck,	Master.
Wm. Hoit,	Senior Warden.
Aaron G. Ferris,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Timothy Brownson,	Sept. 29, A. L. 5818,	$1.00
John Weed,	Nov. 24, "	1.00
Syrenus M. Fuller,	April 27, 5819,	1.00
Fees paid,		$3.00

[L. S.]

Julius Beebe, Secretary."

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Benjamin Putnam, who presented the following return.

"Agreeable to the regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, I herewith transmit a true list of all who have been Advanced in Bethel Lodge No. 11.

Timothy P. Fay,	Joel Cooper,
Samuel Lillie,	Pattin Davis,
Richard Kimball,	John Gifford,
Benj. Canen,	Luther Davis,
Solomon Burnham,	Daniel Lillie,
Moses Cutler,	Alfred Paige,
Isaac Pierce,	Willard Pierce,
William Pierce,	Stafford Smith,
Branch Whitcomb,	Barzilla Sylvester,
Stephen Parkhurst,	Philip Davis,
Cyrus Beekman,	James Garvin,
Asa Partridge,	Wm. S. Shepherd,
Justin Morgan.	

Martin Fuller admitted a member.

Bethel, May 31st, A. L. 5819.

[L. S.]

Attest, Rufus Copeland, Secretary."

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Franklin, represented by J. Clapp, return presented and accepted as follows.

"Agreeable with the regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, I hereby certify that the following is a true list of all who have been Advanced in Franklin Mark Lodge No. 12.

Name.	Advanced.		Fee.
John Follet,	Feb. 16, A. L. 5819,		$1.00
David Cobourn,	"	"	1.00
Penuel Leavens,	April 7,	"	1.00
Jesse Nutting,	"	"	1.00
Harvey Stott,	"	"	1.00
Richard Mill,	"	"	1.00
Dues paid,			$6.00

Enosburgh, May 12, A. L. 5819.

THOMAS FULLER, jun., Secretary."

A dispensation for a Mark Lodge at Enosburgh, which had been granted, was returned and petition presented, praying for a Charter, as follows.

"*To the Most Excellent John H. Cotton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The petition of the subscribers humbly showeth, that they are members of regular Chapters and Mark Lodges; that having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that for the convenience of their respective dwellings (most of them being more than twenty miles from any Chapter or Mark Lodge) and for other good reasons they are desirous of forming a new Lodge of M. M. Masons in the town of Enosburgh, to be denominated 'Franklin Lodge.' They therefore pray the M. E. Grand High Priest to grant a letter of dispensation to empower them to assemble as a regular Mark Lodge in said Enosburgh, agreeable to the ancient usages of the Craft and the regulations of the Grand Chapter. That they have nominated and do recommend Br. Solomon Williams to be the first Master, Br. Joel Clapp to be the first Senior Warden, and Br. Elihu M. Royce to be their first Junior

Warden of said Lodge ; and that if the prayer of your petitioners should be granted, they promise a strict compliance with all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Enosburgh, Dec. 4th, A. L. 5818.

Josiah Wheeler,
Samuel S. Butler,
Chas. Stevens,
Nathl. Griswold,
John Hunt,
Solo. Williams, Jr.,
Elihu M. Royce,
Joel Clapp,
Amherst Willoughby,
Th. Fuller, Jr.
Wm. Barber,
Austin Fuller."

The following endorsed on back of foregoing petition :

"St. Albans, Dec. 15th, A. L. 5818.

Champlain Chapter, No. 2 :

The within petition was read and allowed to be granted by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

By order. ABIJAH STONE, Secretary."

A petition for a Mark Lodge at Brandon was presented, as follows :

"*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, King and Scribe and E. Companions, composing the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, to hold their next Annual Communication at Rutland, on the first Wednesday of June next :*

"We, the subscribers, of the town of Brandon and its vicinity, all *Mark Master Masons*, having the good of our ancient and honorable Institution at heart, pray for a Charter of a Mark Masters' Lodge, by which we shall be legally authorized to confer the Degree of Mark Master and work in that Degree and enjoy all the privileges appertaining to such a Lodge. And we pledge ourselves as Mark Masters to conform to all the by-laws, orders and regulations of this State Grand Chapter, so far as they shall comport with the principles of Ancient Masonry.

It is also our request that our Lodge may bear the name of "Clinton," and that the Brethren whose names here follow may be appointed to the several offices annexed to their names, viz :

JOSIAH W. HALE, Master.
PARLEY ENOS, Senior Warden.
ASA BLACKMER, Junior Warden.

With full reliance on the wisdom and fraternal good will of this State Grand Chapter, we herewith subscribe our names at Brandon, March 18th, A. L. 5819.

Ebenezer Hebard,
Penual Child,
R. R. Child,
Parley Enos,
Asa Burneil,
Isaac Hill,
Richard Pease,
Ward A. Hunt,
Hezekiah June."

Asa Blackmer,
Barnard Ketcham,
Sessions Enos.
Stephen Smith,
Enoch Alden,
J. W. Hall,
Paul Field,
William Gile,

And on the back of the foregoing petition is endorsed the following :

"Union Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 2, Middlebury.

The within petition was this day presented to this Lodge, and met its approbation unamimously. It is therefore voted that the within-named Brethren receive the approbation of this Lodge in the request for a Mark Masters' Lodge at Brandon.

HERVEY BALL, Secretary Union M. Lodge."

"Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, May 11th, 5819.

The within petition was this day presented to this Chapter, and met the approbation of this Chapter. And voted that the petition ought to be granted.

W. B. HASKINS, Secretary."

Dispensed with the Fourth Degree.

Proceeded to open in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN H. COTTON,	Grand High Priest.
E. GORDON NEWELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	as Grand King.
E. JAMES D. FARNSWORTH,	as Grand Scribe.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
" BENJ. SMITH,	as Grand Captain of Host.
" Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Seventh Degree.

A procession was formed under the direction of Comp. Moses Strong, Grand Master, which proceeded to the Court House, where an eloquent and well adapted discourse was delivered by Rev. Comp. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, after which the procession moved to Comp. A. Page's where an elegant repast had been prepared for their refreshment.

3 o'clock P. M.

Returned to the Hall, and called from dispensation to labor, on the Seventh Degree.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns, and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by the proper officers.

"Return to the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those who have been Advanced or Exalted in Green Mountain Chapter from the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5818, to the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5819.

OFFICERS.

JOEL GREEN,	High Priest.
NICHOLS GODDARD,	King.
WM. GOOKINS,	Scribe.

Name.	Advanced.		Exalted.		Fee.
John Purdy,	Jan. 12, A. L. 5819,		May 11, 5819.		$3.00
Sessions Enos,	"	"	Jan. 12	"	2.00
Hervey Ball,	"	"	"	"	2.00
Hanibal Hodges,	May 11,	"	May 11	"	3.00
Reuben Senter,	"	"	"	"	1.00
Jonathan C. Thrall,	"	"	"	"	1.00
	Dues paid,				$12.00

[L. S.] In witness whereof I hereunto affixed the seal of this Chapter, June 1st, A. L. 5819.

Attest: WHITMAN B. Haskins, Secretary."

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by Joseph D. Farnsworth, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

"Returns of Champlain Chapter, No. 2, May 31st A. L. 5819, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	High Priest.
JOEL CLAPP,	King.
THEOPHILUS MANSFIELD,	Scribe.

Name.	Exalted.	Fee
Elijah Newell,	Jan. 19, 1819,	$3.00
Abel Adams,	" "	3.00
Stephen Beach,	" "	3.00
Cyrus Keith,	Mar. 9, 1819,	3.00
Avery Ainsworth,	" "	3.00
Ethan Austin,	" "	3.00
Ralph Grinnell,	Mar. 16, 1819,	3.00
Erastus D. Hubbel,	" "	3.00
Smitten Irish,	" "	3.00
	Dues paid,	$27.00

ABIJAH STONE, Secretary.'

St. Albans, May 31st, 5819.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by High Priest, King and Scribe.

"Return to the Most Excellent, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, of all those who have been Advanced or Exalted in Jerusalem, Chapter No. 3, from the 1st day of June A. L. 5818 to June 1st, 5819 :

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL. WILSON,	High Priest.
AMASA BELKNAP,	King.
JOHN SMITH,	Scribe.
HORACE WHEELER,	Secretary.
E. D. WOODBRIDGE,	Treasurer.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Dan'l. Sanford,	Bridport,		July 20, 5818,	$2.00
Hastings Warren,	Middlebury,		Sept. 21, "	2.00
John Smith. Jr.,	"	Jan. 18,	Mar. 15, "	3.00
Solom. Strong, Jr.,	Waltham,	Mar. 15,	" 29, "	3.00
Isaac Howley,	Ferrisburgh,	"	" 29, "	3.00
Matthew Chambers,	Addison,		" 15, "	2.00
Nicanor Needham,	Bristol,		" " "	2.00
Owen McGee,	Vergennes,	May 17,		1.00
Henry Soper,	Bristol,	"	May 17, "	3.00
	Dues paid,			$21.00

Attest: HORACE WHEELER, Secretary."

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, not represented.

No. 5 King Solomon's, Chapter Montpelier, represented by John Poor, proxy for H. P., K. and S.

"Return of King Solomon's Chapter No 5, at Montpelier, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, from June 2d, A. D. 1817, to June 2d, 1819.

SAMUEL GOSS, High Priest.
JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, King.
JOSEPH HOWES, Scribe.
JOHN SPAULDING, Secretary.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
John Harding,	Oct. 21, 1817.		$1.00
Phineas Peck,	" 17, "	Oct. 21, 1817,	3.00
John Poor,		" " "	2.00
John Thwing	" 28, "	Nov. 20 "	3.00
John Spaulding,	" " "	" 20, "	3.00
Shubal Wheeler,	" " "	" " "	3.00

David Bigelow,	Jan. 21, 1818,	May 18, 1818,	3.00
David Miller,		" " "	2.00
Silas C. French,	Sept. 16, "	Oct. 23, "	3.00
Arunah Waterman,	Oct. 13, "	" " "	3.00
David Perkins,	" " "	" " "	3.00
Lem'l Farwell,	" 16 "		1.00
Nath'l Cook,	" " "		1.00
Jonathan Briggs,	" " "	" " "	3.00
Hezekiah Goff,	" 23 "		1.00
Nath'l Pike,	" 27 "		1.00
Jos. Wiggins,	Jan. 13, 1819,		1.00
Chester Nye,	" " "		1.00
Fees paid,			$38.00

JOHN SPAULDING, Secretary."

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, not represented.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

"Return of the names of the persons who have been Advanced and Exalted in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 7, at Bradford since the last report to the State Grand Chapter.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.		
Richard Emery,	$1.00	May 12, 1818,	$2.00	$3.00
Theodore Cushing,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Joseph Sawyer,		June 9, "	2.00	2.00
Cyrus Cady,		Aug. 11, "	2.00	2.00
George A. Burbank,		Oct. 13, "	2.00	2.00
Asa Shaw,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Samuel Weed,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Edmund George,	1.00	Nov. 10, "	2.00	3.00
A. C. Dennison,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Isaac Heath,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Samuel Loomis,	1.00	Feb. 9, 1819,	2.00	3.00
Wm. Verback,	1.00	" " "	2.00	3.00
Fees paid,				$33.00

Bradford, May 25th, 1819.

This may certify that at a regular communication of Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, Vt., on the 2d Tuesday of December, A. L. 5818, the following persons were duly elected to the several offices attached to their names, viz:

John H. Cotton,	High Priest.
Naphtali Shaw, 2d.,	King.
Thomas Currier,	Scribe.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my name and affix the seal of said Chapter.

[L. S.]

Jesse Merrill, Secretary."

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by Samuel Whitney, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Exalted to the Sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, from the 20th of May, A. L. 5818, to the 20th of May, 5819.

OFFICERS.

Lemuel Whitney,	High Priest.
Phineas White,	King.
Jonathan Robinson,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.	Fee.
Munnis Kinney,	Townshend,	Sept. 16, 1819,	$2.00
Silas Kenney,	New Fane,	Nov. 18, "	2.00
Amzi Doolittle,	Townsend,	" "	2.00
Leland Fairbank,	Wardsboro',	" "	2.00
John Hodson,	Brattleboro',	Mar. 17, "	2.00
Saml. Elliot,	"	" "	2.00
Dues paid,			$12.00

Linus Field, Marlboro, rejected Jan., 5819.

Given under my hand and seal of said Chapter this 22d day of May, A. L. 5819.

[L. S.]

Attest, David W. Sanborn, Secretary."

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by Cephas L. Rockwood, with proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced and Exalted in Washington Chapter No. 9, at Chester, from the first day of June, 1818, to June 1st, A. D 1819.

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
DANIEL WAIT,	King.
DANIEL KELLOGG,	Scribe.

Name,	Residence,	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Daniel Kellogg,	Rockingham,		Aug. 31, 1819,	$2.00
Laben Burr,	Langdon, N. H.,		" "	2.00
Saml. Clark,	Andover,		" "	2.00
Daniel Campbell,	Rockingham,		May 7, "	2.00
James Ranney,	Springfield,	Feb. 22, 1819,	Feb. 22, "	3.00
C. M. Chamberlin,	Weathersfield,	" "	" "	3.00
Joseph Dodge,	Andover,		May 7, "	2.00
Elisha Bisbee,	Springfield,	May 7, "	" "	3.00
Dues paid,				$19.00

Dated at Chester, June 1st, A. D. 1819.

[L. S.]

AMOS HEALD, Secretary."

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Titus A. Cook, H. P., King and Scribe.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, of all those who have been Advanced or Exalted in Social Chapter No. 9, at Pawlet, working under dispensation since the 1st day of Jan., A. L. 5819.

OFFICERS.

TITUS A. COOK,	High Priest.
JONATHAN ROBINSON,	King.
PHINEAS STRONG,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence,	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Elisha Allen,	Pawlet,	Jan. 8,	A. L. 5819,	$2.00
Ezekiel Beebe,	"	" 12,	" "	2.00
Silas Fitch,	"	" "	" "	2.00
Raymond Hotchkiss,	Wells,	Feb. 9,	" "	2.00
Jared Francis,	"	"	" "	2.00
David Weeks,	Pawlet,	"	" "	2.00
Benjn. Fitch,	"	"	" "	2.00
Harvey Cook,	"	"	" "	2.00
Daniel Hollister,	"	April 13,	" "	2.00
Elisha Clark,	"	May 25,	" "	2.00
Israel Sheldon,	Rupert,	"	" "	2.00
Jared Wilson,	Pawlet,	May 25, 1819,		1.00
Fees paid,				$23.00

The above is a true return of Social Chapter.

Pawlet, May 31st, A. L. 5819.

Attest, JOHN EDGERTON, Secretary."

Companion Martin Roberts admitted by unamimous vote a visitor at this Grand Chapter.

Companions Charles K. Williams and Nichols Goddard were appointed a Committee to sort and count votes, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names:

M. E. JOHN H. COTTON,	Grand High Priest.
E. GORDON NEWELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand King.
E. JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
" REV. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.
" MOSES STRONG,	Grand Marshal.
" BENJAMIN SMITH,	Grand Visitor.
" WILLIAM STORER,	Grand Steward.
" THOMAS MILLER,	Grand Sentinel.

Petitions, for Charter for Mark Lodge at Enosburgh, now working under dispensation, for dispensation for Mark Lodge at Brandon, and for Charter for Chapter at Pawlet, were all referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. Rockwood, Farnsworth and Strong.

Companions Nye, Williams and Willson were appointed a Committee to settle with former Secretary and Treasurer, and also to report on Resolution laid over from last year for paying the Grand Secretary $20 per year for his services.

A resolution for enforcing a more uniform mode of representation was read and was referred to the Committee last named.

Companion Lemuel Whitney, Past Grand Secretary, presented the following Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NewYork :

"*Most Excellent Companion:*

Permit me through you to address the Grand Chapter of Vermont, in reply to your communication addressed to M. E. Companion Ames, our Grand High Priest, on the subject of a Resolution of your Grand Chapter, complaining of malconduct in Temple Chapter in Albany, in relation to the exaltation of Sewall Cutting and Joseph D. Wheelock.

Your Communication being laid before the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, it was referred to a select Committee, whose report I have the pleasure to enclose for your examination. By the examination of that Committee it appeared that Cutting and Wheelock came well recommended to Temple Chapter, and that, too, by Companions from Vermont who were supposed in good standing; and if thereby unworthy men were promoted, we de not deem it criminal in Temple Chapter ; but it is a misfortune the like of which we cannot make laws sufficient to prevent, but that great caution is necessary to be used, is an undoubted fact.

It is the intention of this Grand Chapter to cultivate the harmony that ought to exist between neighboring States, and will always be ready to oppose any means which may tend to dissolve the same, and

would be very far from countenancing any deviation from such a principle in any subordinate Chapter.

With fraternal esteem, I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed] EB. WADSWORTH.

Grand Secretary of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of State of New York.

Nassau, Dec. 2, 5818."

The following is the report of the Committee referred to in the above Communication :

"The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, remonstrating against the proceedings of Temple Chapter in the city of Albany, relative to Sewall Cutting, and Joseph D. Wheelock, beg leave most respectfully to report :

That they have given the said communication, all that attention which the highly respectful source from which it emanated so justly demanded. They have also, so far as the short time allowed them would permit, investigated the proceedings of Temple Chapter, in relation to the subject under consideration. From an examination of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and the Constitution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, we do not discover that a candidate from another State applying to a Chapter in this State to be Exalted is required to produce a recommendation from the Chapter nearest to his place of residence in such other state, and it appears to your Committee that the said Sewall Cutting and Joseph D. Wheelock, were regularly propounded, balloted for and exalted in Temple Chapter, according to the provisions of the aforesaid Constitutions, and the established usages of Masonry, and it further appears to your Committee that at the time the said Sewall Cutting and Joseph D. Wheelock, were exalted there was no information before Temple Chapter, that the former had been proposed and rejected in Windsor Chapter, or that the latter had been suspended for unmasonic conduct by Green Mountain Lodge, in the State of Vermont, or that either of them was laboring under any disability whatever. On the contrary your Committee are convinced that they came to Temple Chapter, well recommended and for ought that then appeared were in good standing.

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the proceedings of Temple Chapter in relation to the case under consideration were regular and proper.

[Signed]

S. Edmonds,)
T. Walker, > Committee."
A. G. Barnard,)

The above communication and report was read and referred to Comps. Whitney, Chipman and Newell.

Grand Chapter adjourned for one hour.

Called from dispensation to labor.

The Committee on the petition for a Mark Lodge at Enosburgh, reported in favor of the petition, as follows:

"Rutland, June 2, A. L. 5819.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now sitting:

The Committee to whom the within petition and application of certain Mark Master Masons from the town of Enosburgh, was referred, beg leave to report that after hearing the petition, your Committee voted to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

C. L. Rockwood, for Committee."

Which report was made the order of the day at the opening of the Grand Chapter tomorrow morning.

The Committee on the petition for a Mark Lodge at Brandon, made the following report in favor of the petition.

"Rutland, June 2d, A. L. 5819.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:

Your Committee to whom the within petition was referred, report that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

C. L. Rockwood, for Committee.'

Report accepted.

The Committee on the petition for a Chapter at Pawlet made report in favor of Petition. Report accepted.

Companion Newell, appointed on Committee on the Resolution for paying the Grand Secretary $20, in the room of Comp. Williams, not present.

Companion Goddard presented a Resolution directing the Grand Treasurer to use his discretion with respect to the collection of a certain note in favor of the Grand Chapter against Ozias Fuller, Abel Page and Henry Gould.

Lectured on the 7th Degree

The Rev. Companion Jonathan Nye presented a Resolution, the purport of which was to raise a Committee for the purpose of drafting a Petition to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter to establish a regular fee for exaltation, and the same was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York.

Companion Whitney presented the following Resolution:

"*Resolved.* That the M. E. Grand High Priest be a Committee to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Jonathan Nye, for his excellent discourse, delivered this day before the Grand Chapter, and to present him with the sum of $30, as a compensation therefor, out of the funds of said Grand Chapter."

Adopted.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

June 3d, A. L. 5819.

The Grand Chapter opened agreeably with previous adjournment.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition for a Mark Lodge at Enosburgh was called up and accepted, granting the prayer of the petition. (See page 246).

The Committee appointed to settle with the former Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was accepted.

"*To the Grand Chapter, now sitting:*

The Committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer for the year past, respectfully report that they find the Treasurer charged $1,037.40, and that he has produced proper vouchers for the sum of $308.83, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $728.57. They find, also, that the Secretary has received during the past year the sum of $407; that he has paid over to the Treasurer the sum of $327; and has an account, which we have allowed, of $29.62, leaving a balance due from the Secretary of $50.38: making the funds of the Grand Chapter $778.95, without including any sums paid in at this communication.

JONATHAN NYE, for Committee."

On motion of Comp. C. K. Williams it was voted to present the "American Education Society" the sum of $40 for the purpose of constituting the Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, a member of that Society for life.

M. E. John H. Cotton, appointed under Comp. Whitney's Resolution, made report that he had performed the duty therein prescribed, and paid the Grand Chaplain $30.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution for paying the Grand Secretary $20 per year for his services, made report in favor of said Resolution.

Report accepted.

Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

The Committee appointed on the Communication from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and also on Comp. Nye's Resolution on the same subject, reported the following Resolution:

"In Grand Chapter of Vermont June 2d, A. L. 5819.

Resolved: That a Committee of one be appointed to draft and present a petition to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, respectfully requesting them at their next communication to

establish a regular and uniform fee for the Exaltation of candidates in all Chapters under their jurisdiction; and also that the said Grand Chapter of the United States so regulate the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, that a candidate going from one State to another for admission shall not be admitted unless he be recommended by the Chapter nearest his place of residence in the State to which he belongs, and that our representatives be instructed to carry the same into effect.

Signed, LEMUEL WHITNEY, for Committee."

Adopted, and Companion Jonathan Nye appointed the said Committee.

Account of Steward and Tyler, amounting to $29.19, was presented and allowed.

The account of Comp. Abel Page for refreshment, amounting to $49.54, was presented and allowed.

On motion, it was ordered that Social Chapter No. 10, at Pawlet, be Installed on the 7th day of July next, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to give public notice of the same.

Called to labor on the Fourth Degree. Lectured on the Fourth Degree. Closed on the Fourth Degree.

Called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of devising some method of enforcing a more uniform representation, reported the following resolution:

"*Resolved:* That we consider it the indispensable duty of every Mark Lodge and Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to be severally represented at every communication of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary furnish without delay every Mark Lodge and Chapter with a certified copy of this resolution."

The Rev. Comp. Jonathan Nye offered the following:

"*Resolved:* That a Committee be appointed to call upon Temple Chapter at Bennington, on Windsor Chapter at Woodstock, and on Morning Star Mark Lodge, for their Charters, for neglecting to make the returns of their officers, pay their dues and be represented at this

Grand Communication, and that the said Committee be clothed with discretionary power, to permit them to continue their labor if they pay their dues, return immediately the names of their officers, and render a reasonable excuse for their neglect."

Adopted, and Comps. Nye, Lord and Rockwood appointed a Committee.

On motion of Companion Goddard, the Grand Treasurer was ordered to procure a suitable surplice or robe for the use of the Grand Chaplain, and also to procure a suitable robe for the use of the Deputy Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion C. K. Williams, it was voted that this Grand Royal Arch Chapter pay the expenses of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, as representatives to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter, Charters have been made out for Franklin Mark Lodge at No. 12, Enosburgh, and for Clinton Mark Lodge No. 13, at Brandon, and their fees paid, amounting to $40.

Public notice was also given of the intended Installation of Social Chapter at Pawlet on the 7th of July, and a Charter made out and transmitted to the officers of that Chapter, but no returns have been received of the proceedings of that occasion. Copies of the Resolution of this Grand Chapter, with respect to uniform Representation, have been forwarded to all the Mark Lodges and Chapters under its Jurisdiction, and. Communications received from the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and from several of the State Grand Chapters. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.'

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Chapter, at Masons Hall, Rutland, June 7, A. L. 5820, and opened on the Fourth or Mark degree.

OFFICERS.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Worshipful Master.
R. W. Gordon Newell,	Senior Warden.
W. Lemuel Whitney,	Junior Warden.
B. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
B. Joel Green,	Secretary.
B. Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Master Overseer.
B. Moses Strong,	Senior Overseer.
B. Benjamin Smith,	Junior Overseer.
B. Thomas Miller,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by Rev Comp. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows:

No. 1. Hiram Union Mark Lodge, Pawlet, represented by Jonathan Robinson.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by Brother John Chipman.

"Returns of Union Mark Lodge, No. 2, from June 13, 1819 to June 7, 1820.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Worshipful Master.
Jared W. Copeland,	Senior Warden.
Martin Hopkins,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Isaac Buckland,	June 13, 1819,	$1.00
John Alvord,	" " "	1.00
Lorin B. Filmore,	" " "	1.00
James O. Keeffe,	Aug 12, "	1.00
Leonard Dakin,	" " "	1.00
Jared W. Copeland,	" " "	1.00
Frederick P. Allen,	" " "	1.00
John Howden,	Dec. "	1.00
Russell Vallet.	" "	1.00
Increase Graves, Jr.,	Feb. 10 1820	1.00
Francis Clayes,	" " "	1.00
George Clayes,	" " "	1.00
Seymoure Selleck,	April 13 "	1.00
Harvey Munson,	" " "	1.00
Fees paid,		$14.00

Attest, Harvey Bell, Secretary.

Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Bro. Colton.

"Returns of Morning Star Lodge, No. 4, at Fairhaven, in the county of Rutland and State of Vermont, from July 13th, A. L. 5818, to June 5th, 5820.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
John P. Stanley,	July 13, 5818,	$4.00
Hector H. Crane,	" " "	4.00
Dyer Bottom,	Aug. 21 "	4.00
Hiram P. French,	Sept. 14, "	4.00
Chauncy Trobridge,	" " "	4.00
Joseph W. Sawyer,	Nov. 6, "	4.00
George Warren,	" " "	4.00
Peter Mariett,	Jan. 8, 5819,	4.00
Artemas Warner,	" " "	4.00
Darius Branch,	May 5, "	4.00
Randall Rice,	July 5, "	4.00
James Weeks,	" " "	4.00
Marcus D. Hooker,	Oct. 29, "	4.00
Sherman C. Gleason,	Feb. 25, 5820,	4.00
Adna Noble,	April 28, "	4.00
Fees paid,		$60.00

Done agreeable to the By-Laws of the Royal Arch Chapter, and by order of John P. Colburn, Master of said Lodge.

OFFICERS.

Barnabas Ellis, Senior Warden.
William Miller, Junior Warden.

Fairhaven, Vt., June 5, 1820.

Moses Colton, Secretary."

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, not represented.

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, Arlington, not represented, but returns sent in and dues paid, $2.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented, but received the following report:

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH CHURCHILL, Jr.,	Worshipful Master.
FRANCIS PERKINS,	Senior Warden.
DAVID PIERCE,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Hezekiah W. Dunham,	June 17, 1818,	$1.00
James Fisher,	" " "	1.00
Zebulon Delino,	Sept. 16, "	1.00
Joshua Dewey, Jr.,	Mar. 17, 1819,	1,00
Jasper Hazen,	June 16, "	1.00
Isaac Churchill,	" " "	1.00
Charles Williams,	" " "	1.00
Theophilus Cushing,	" " "	1.00
Nathan Cushing.	" " "	1.00
Fees,		$9.00

Returns accepted and dues paid, $9.00.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel.

"*To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

In conformity with a regulation of the G. R. Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, I herewith transmit to you a list of the names of the several officers of Bethel Lodge, No. 11, duly elected on the 2d day of November, A. L. 5819.

BENJAMIN PUTNAM,	Worshipful Master.
LOVEL HIBBARD,	Senior Warden.
SAMUEL LILLIE,	Junior Warden.
LUTHER DAVIS,	Treasurer.
JUSTIN MORGAN,	Secretary.

Dues paid, $12.

Bethel, May 18, A. L. 5820.

Certified by JUSTIN MORGAN, Secretary."

No. 12. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by J. W. Hale, W. M., who made an informal return, which was afterwards accepted, and dues paid, $4. Certified by Ward E. Hunt, Secretary.

Informal returns were received from a number of Mark Lodges, and a Committee appointed to report on the same. Companions Nye, Williams and Farnsworth appointed said Committee.

Dispensed with the Fourth Degree. Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gordon Newell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand King.
E. Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Miller,	Grand Sentinel.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.

Dispensed with labor on the Seventh Degree.

A procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal, which proceeded to the Court House, where an appropriate and very excellent discourse was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, and the procession repaired to Comp. Abel Page's and partook of an elegant repast, prepared for the occasion.

After returning to the hall, labor was resumed. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Chapter were called on to make their returns, and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by the proper officers, who made the following return :

"*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, from Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter at Rutland:*

The following are all those who have received the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Masons, since the last yearly communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Levi Finney,		Sept. 19, 1819.
Jonathan C. Thrall,		" "
Seth Keeler,		March 12, 1820.
Francis Hoy,		" "
James Tyrrel,		" "
Ozias B. Hosford,	March 13, A. L. 5820.	

OFFICERS.

JOEL GREEN,	High Priest.
NICHOLS GODDARD,	King.
WILLIAM GOOKIN,	Scribe.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of our Chapter, this 6th day of June, A. L. 5820.

Attest, WHITMAN B. HASKINS, Secretary."

Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by Companion J. D. Farnsworth, with proxy for King and Scribe. The informal returns, without seal, were referred to the informal Committee, and accepted :

"Return of Champlain Chapter No. 2 to the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont to be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June, A. L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	High Priest.
NATHAN B. ELDRIDGE,	King.
ELIAS FASSET,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Joshua Doane,	Georgia,		June 28, 1819.
Moses J. Reynolds,	Cambridge,		" "
Moses Ayers,	Milton,		" "
Joseph Prentiss,	"		" "
Ezbon Weed,	Sheldon,		" "
Ansell Merritt,	Georgia,	Aug. 17, 1819,	Feby. 23, 1820.
Ezekiel Pratt,	Swanton,	Jany. 19, 1820.	" "
David Bean,	Colchester,	Feby. 15, "	" "
Amos Boardman,	"	" "	" "
Jacob Rolfe.	"	" "	" "

Fees to the Grand Chapter on four Marked and raised, $12.00; on six Exalted, $12.00.

St. Albans, May 30, A. L. 5820.

Attest, ABIJAH STONE, Secretary."

Dues paid, 24 dollars.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by Companion Whitwell, with proxy for the other two officers; returns informal, but accepted by vote, as follows:

"Returns to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, of all those who have been Advanced and Exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, Vergennes, from the first day of June, 5819, to June 1st, 5820.

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL WILLSON, High Priest.
AMASA BELKNAP, King.
WILLIAM WHITWELL, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Peter Welsh,	Vergennes,	Nov. 5, 1819,		$1.00
Isaac Buckler,			Jany. 17, 1820,	2.00
Solomon How,	Bridport,	Jany. 17, 1820,		1.00
Gardner Stow,	Elizabethtown, N. Y.,		Mch. 20, "	3.00
Norman Nicholson,	do		" "	3.00
Parcus Fletcher,	Bridport,		" "	3.00
Gideon Segar,	Addison,		May 15, "	3.00
Martin Luther,	do		" "	3.00
Henry Griswold,	Vergennes,		" 27, "	3.00
Joseph Evetts,	Waltham,		" "	3.00
				$25.00

Attest, HORACE WHEELER, Secretary.',

Dues paid, 25 dollars.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented by Companion Nathan Bowen, King, with proxy for the other two officers.

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

Returns of Temple Chapter No. 4, of all worthy brethren who have been Advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason and Exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons, from June, 5819, to June, 5820.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Lemuel Leach,	July 29, 5819,	$1.00
Hiram Hinsdill,	Nov. 3, "	1.00
Lodivick Staunton,	Apr. 4, 5820,	1.00
Josiah Wright,	" "	1.00
Daniel Bates,	" "	1.00
		$5.00

Bennington, Vt., June, A. L. 5820.

I hereby certify that the above returns of five dollars are the dues of Temple Chapter No. 4, at Bennington, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, as appears by record. And I hereby further certify, that

ZACHEUS HOVEY, is	High Priest.
NATHAN BOWEN,	King.
CHARLES CUSHMAN,	Scribe.

Attest, DANIEL MCEOWEN, Secretary."

Dues paid, 5 dollars.

No. 5. King Solomon's Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Companion Samuel Goss, High Priest, with proxy for the other two officers.

"Return of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, at Montpelier.

Name,	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Ezra Jones,	July 7, 1819,	Nov. 5, 1819,	3.00
Joseph Thompson,	" "	Oct. 19, "	3.00
Ira Owen,	" "	" 4, "	3.00
Joseph Wiggin,		" " "	2.00
Abial Smith,	Sept. 1, "		1.00
Joseph Smith,	" "	Oct. 19, "	3.00
Darius Pride,	" 13, "		1.00
Richard Ayre,	" "	Oct. 4, "	3.00
Roswell R. Keith,	" "	Sept. 17, "	3.00
Chester Nye,		" "	2.00
Zacharia S. Ware,		Oct. 19, "	2.00
Harvey Scott,		Nov. 5, "	2.00
H. C. Wealon,	Nov. 5, "	" "	3.00
George Hibbard,	Oct. 21, "	Mch. 29, 1820,	3 00
Lucius Kimball,	Feby. 2, 1820,	Feby. 2, "	3.00
Benjamin F. Kimball,	" "	" "	3.00
Barzillai Davenport,	May 24, "		1.00
			41.00

I hereby certify that the above is a true return of all that have been Advanced or Exalted in King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, since the 2d day of June, 1819.

Montpelier, June 2d. 1820.

Attest, JOHN SPAULDING, Secretary.

At a regular communication of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter No. 5, holden at Masons Hall, Montpelier, Nov. 3, A. L. 5819, according to the second article of our by-laws, the following gentlemen were chosen officers of said Chapter for the year ensuing, viz:

M. E. Samuel Goss, High Priest.
E. Jeduthan Loomis, King.
E. Joseph Howes, Scribe.

Attest, John Spaulding, Secretary."

Dues paid, $41.00.

No 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by the High Priest, Companion Norman Williams, and Companion John Pratt, with proxy for King. Returns informal; referred to the committee on informal returns, and accepted.

Dues paid $40.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by Companion Naphtali Shaw, King, with proxy for Scribe.

"Annual returns of the names of the persons who have been Advanced and Exalted in Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, since the last report to the Grand Chapter, as follows:

Name.	Date.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
John Page, Jr.,	Aug. 21, 1819.		$2.00	$2.00
John Sabin,	Oct. 12, "	$1.00	2.00	3.00
Gilman Judd,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Israel Carleton,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Ezra C. Hutchins,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Abijah Pierce,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Beza Lathan,	Jany. 11, 1820.	1.00	2.00	3.00
Salmon Washburn,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Benjamin S. Gookin,	Feby. 8, "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Stephen Putnam,	" "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Abraham B. Adams,	Apr. 8, "	1.00	2.00	3.00
Edmund Carlton,	May 9, "	1.00	2.00	3.00
				$35.00

Bradford, May 25, A. L. 5820.

Attest, George W. Pritchard, Secretary.

This may certify, that at a regular communication of Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 7, at Bradford, on the 14th day of December, A. L. 5819, the following persons were duly elected to the several offices attached to their names, viz :

John H. Cotton,	High Priest.
Naphtali Shaw, 2nd.,	King.
Daniel Hartwell,	Scribe.

Attest, Geo. W. Pritchard, Secretary."

Dues paid, $38.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in Lebanon Forest Chapter, No. 8, from the first day of June, A. L. 5819, to the first day of June, A. L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

Lemuel Whitney,	High Priest.
Jonathan Robinson,	King.
Munnis Kinney,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.	Fee.
Joel Parker,	Brattleboro',	Nov. 17, A. L. 5819.	$3.00
Ithamar Chamberlain,	Dummerston,		2.00
Samuel Cutting,	Guildhall,		2.00
Paul Chase, Jun.,	Brattleboro',		3.00
			$10.00

A true copy of record. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Chapter, this 3d day of June, A. L. 5820.

Henry Clark, Secretary."

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced or Exalted in Washington Chapter, No. 9, at Chester, from the first day of June, A. L. 5819, to the first day of June, 5820.

OFFICERS.

John P. Williams,				High Priest.
Daniel Wait,				King.
Nomlas Cobb,				Scribe.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.	Fee.
Lincoln Bates,	Springfield,	Sep. 6, 1819,	Sep. 6, 1819,	$3.00
Danl. Bowen,	Weathersfield,	" "		2.00
Benj. Follis,	do		Nov. 26, "	2.00
John Chase, Jr.,	do	Feby. 26, 1820.	Feby. 26, 1820,	3.00
Samuel Burbank,	Ludlow,	May 25, "		1.00
				$11.00

Dated at Chester, 5th May, A. D. 1820.

Amos Heald, Secretary."

Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Nathan Allen, with proxy for High Priest, Jonathan Robinson, King, and Return Strong, with proxy for Scribe.

"Return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced or Exalted in Social Chapter, No. 10, at Pawlet, from the first day of June, 5819, to the first day of June, 5820.

OFFICERS.

Titus A. Cook,		High Priest.
Jonathan Robinson,		King.
Phineas Strong,		Scribe.
Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Aaron Baker,	Nov. 29, A. L. 5819.	
Isaac Hillyard,	Feby. 25, A. L. 5820.	
Sylvester Pitkin,	Feby. 28, A. L. 5820.	Feby. 28, A. L. 5820.

Daniel Hazelton, of Middletown, rejected Nov. 22, 5819.

Fees to the Grand Chapter, $5.00.

Attest, John Edgerton, Secretary."

The proceedings of the last communication of this Grand Chapter were then read.

Companion Norman Williams presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved: That the Committee appointed at the last Annual communication of this Grand Chapter to call on Temple Chapter, at Bennington, Windsor Chapter, at Woodstock, and Morning Star Mark Lodge, for their Charters and to perform other duties therein mentioned, be discharged from any further attention to the duties of their appointment, their report having been made verbally to this Chapter, and the same accepted.

Companion Nye made report, that he had procured a suitable robe for the use of the Grand Chaplain.

The committee on informal returns made report in favor of Champlain Chapter No. 2, which was accepted.

Companions Chipman, Ellis, and Pratt were appointed a committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, to wit:

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gordon Newell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand King.
E. Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Joel Clapp,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Thomas Miller, " W. B. Haskins,	Grand Stewards.
" Thomas Miller,	Grand Sentinel.

Companion Nye presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That a Committee be appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer, to investigate the financial concerns of the Chapter, and recommend such measures relative thereto as they may think proper; also to audit all accounts against the Grand Chapter.

Which resolution was adopted, and Companions Farnsworth, Williams and Nye appointed said Committee.

Companion Farnsworth presented the following resolution:

In Grand Chapter, June 7th, A. L. 5820.

Resolved: That a Committee consisting of three members be appointed to wait on our worthy Companion the Rev. Jonathan Nye, and present him the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his long and faithfu services as Grand Chaplain, especially for his discourse delivered this day, and request a copy for the press, and present him with the sum of thirty dollars, as a compensation for the same.

Which resolution was adopted, and the three senior Grand officers appointed the said Committee.

Companion Goddard presented the two following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be directed to transmit to the American Education Society the sum of forty dollars, for the purpose of constituting the Most Excellent and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, a member of that society for life, agreeably with a resolution of this Grand Chapter, at their last session.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be continued a committee to procure a suitable robe for Deputy Grand High Priest, previous to the next communication of this Grand Chapter.

The committee on informal returns made report, that the returns of Morning Star Mark Lodge, ought to be received, on the payment of the dues from said Lodge which was accepted. They also reported in favor of receiving the returns of Clinton Mark Lodge, at Brandon, which was also accepted.

The informal committee also reported against the reception of the returns from Windsor Mark Lodge, No. 5 Report not accepted.

Voted not to accept the returns from said Lodge.

Voted to reconsider the vote not accepting the report of the committee, and refer the further consideration of the report to the opening of the Grand Chapter, to-morrow morning.

The committee also reported in favor of receiving the returns from Washington Mark Lodge, No. 8. Report accepted.

Voted to refer the consideration of the subject with respect to a Masonic Chart, by Companion Jeremy L. Cross, to the three senior officers of this Grand Chapter. Companion J. D. Farnsworth introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee consisting of one member from each Chapter be appointed to examine the by-laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and report whether any, and, if any, what alterations may be necessary and expedient to be made in the same.

Which resolution was adopted, and Companions Cotton, Whitney, Lord, Whitford, Goss, Farnsworth, Pratt and Rockwood, appointed said committee.

On motion of Companion Robinson, resolved to receive the charter of Hiram Union Mark Lodge, No. 1, which had been voted to be surrendered by said Lodge.

Companion Whitney had leave of absence.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Mason's Hall, June 8, A. L. 5820.

Called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

Companion Jonathan Nye made report that he had attended to the installation of Social Chapter, at Pawlet, on the 7th day of July, A. L. 5819, in due form.

Companion Gordon Newell, Deputy Grand High Priest, also reported that, in pursuance of an order from him, Companion John Chipman, Past Grand High Priest, installed Clinton Mark Lodge, at Brandon, September 24, A. L. 5819.

M. E. John H. Cotton made report that on the 20th of August, A. L. 5819, he installed Franklin Mark Masters' Lodge at Enosburgh, in due form.

Voted to receive the unfavorable report of the Committee on the returns of Windsor Mark Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to hand back the papers to the person who brought them.

Companion Norman Williams was appointed a committee with discretionary powers to call on Windsor Mark Lodge,

for their Charter and funds; or, if he thinks proper, to receive their dues and returns, and allow them to continue their labors.

The committee appointed on the resolution for revising the by-laws made the following report:

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, now in session:*

Your Committee appointed on the Resolution raising a committee to examine the by-laws, and report such alterations or amendments as they may deem necessary, would recommend the following amendment of the first article of the General Regulations, viz.: To erase "the first Wednesday of June, at Rutland," and insert "the Friday next following the second Thursday of October, at Montpelier." We would also recommend the following as an additional article to the general regulations, viz.: "ARTICLE 20TH.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, annually, during the session of the Grand Chapter, to give or procure bonds, with good and sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the M. E. Grand High Priest, conditioned for the faithful performance of the respective duties of their office."

All of which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee."

The Grand Chapter then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the above report, Companion J. Nye in the Chair, and J. Green, Secretary.

The Committee of the Whole reported the following resolutions to the Grand Chapter, which were adopted:

Resolved, That that part of the foregoing report, which recommends the removal of the Grand Chapter to Montpelier be referred to the next session of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That so much of the said report as is named "Article 20th" and required the Grand Treasurer and Secretary to give bonds for the faithful performance of their respective duties, be adopted.

Called from labor to refreshment.

Called from refreshment to labor.

Companion Farnsworth had leave of absence.

On motion,

Resolved, That the claim presented by Comp. James Farnsworth, against this Grand Chapter, for his services in endeavoring to procure a plate for striking Diplomas; and also the collection of a certain note in the hands of the Treasurer against said Farnsworth, be referred to next communication of this Grand Chapter.

Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

Comp. Thomas Miller presented an account of twenty-two dollars and forty-four cents, which was allowed.

Companion Nye presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Annual Communication be printed, under the direction of the Deputy Grand High Priest, by the Grand Secretary, and distributed according to his discretion, to the several officers of this Grand Chapter, the subordinate Chapters, and Mark Lodges, under this jurisdiction, to the several Grand Chapters, and Mark Lodges throughout the United States, and also to the officers of the General Grand Chapters of the United States; and that the Grand Secretary call on the Treasurer to pay the expenses of the same.

Voted to excuse the Committee appointed to examine Comp. Cross's book from further services, and to refer the further consideration of the same to our next Communication.

The Committee appointed to return the thanks of the Grand Chapter to Companion Nye, Grand Chaplain, reported that they had performed that duty, and that he had agreed to furnish a copy of his sermon for the press.

Report accepted, and Companions Nye, Whitney and Robbins appointed a Committee, with power to procure what number to be printed they may deem proper.

Companion Norman Williams introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of one be appointed, with discretionary power to call on Franklin Mark Lodge, No. 12, for their Charter and funds; or, if he thinks proper, to receive their dues and returns, and permit them to continue their labors.

Companion J. D. Farnsworth appointed said Committee, and the Secretary directed to give him notice of his appointment.

Paid the Grand Treasurer two hundred and sixty-six dollars, being all the monies received at this Communication.

Union Mark Lodge,	Middlebury,	No. 2,	$14.00
Morning Star Mark Lodge,	Fairhaven,	" 4,	60.00
Arlington Mark Lodge,	Arlington,	" 6,	2.00
Washington Mark Lodge,	Woodstock,	" 8,	5.00
Bethel " "	Bethel,	" 11,	12.00
Clinton, " "	Brandon,	" 12,	4.00
Green Mountain Chapter,	Rutland,	" 1,	15.00
Champlain, "	St. Albans,	" 2,	24.00
Jerusalem "	Vergennes,	" 3,	25.00
Temple "	Bennington,	" 4,	5.00
King Solomon's "	Montpelier,	" 5,	41.00
Windsor, "	Windsor,	" 6,	40.00
Mt. Lebanon "	Bradford,	" 7,	38.00
Lebanon Forest "	Brattleboro,	" 8,	10.00
Washington "	Chester,	" 9,	11.00
Social "	Pawlet,	" 10,	5.00
			$311.00

The Throne of Grace was then addressed by the Excellent Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with all its subordinate degrees, closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Chapter, in Masons Hall, Rutland, June 6, A. L. 5821, and opened on the Fourth or Mark degree.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

John H. Cotton,	Worshipful Master.
Lemuel Whitney,	Senior Warden.
Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Junior Warden.
Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
Joel Green,	Secretary.
Nichols Goddard,	Master Overseer.
Naphtali K. Shaw,	Senior Overseer.
John L. Putnam,	Junior Overseer.
John Cook,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were called on to make their returns and were represented as follows:

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by John M. Weeks, Master, who made the following returns.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Asahel Pearsons,	Middlebury,	Aug. 10, 1820,	$1.00
Seth Peak,	"	Feb. 28, 1821,	1.00
Myron G. Munson,	Potsdam, N. Y.,	" " "	1.00
Henry M. Nichols,	Middlebury,	" " "	1.00
Ezra Allen, Jr.	Cornwall,	Apr. 12, "	1.00

Fees paid to the Grand Chapter, $5.00.

June 8, A. L. 5820, Theophilus Capen, Junr. Suspended.

Feby. 28, 1821, James Wilson discharged.

OFFICERS.

JOHN M. WEEKS,	Master.
JARED W. COPELAND,	Senior Warden.
MARTIN HOPKINS,	Junior Warden.

The above returns certified.

Middlebury, May 31st, A. L. 5821.

JOHN M. WEEKS, Master."

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by John P. Colburn, Master.

Returns in due form. Five advancements viz:

James S. Harris,	Geo. W. Dow,
Levi Wilkinson,	Philip Pond,
E. W. Neal.	

Fees paid $5.00.

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. COLBURN,	Master.
WM. J. BILLING,	Senior Warden.
PHILO HOSFORD,	Junior Warden.

Attest, GEO. WARNER, Secretary, *pro. tem.*

Fairhaven, June 5, A. L. 5821.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Leland Howard, Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

LELAND HOWARD,	Worshipful Master.
DANIEL BOWEN,	Senior Warden.
JOHN L. PUTNAM,	Junior Warden.
LYMAN STOW,	Secretary.

Name.	Advanced.		Fee.
Wm. W. Leverett,	Aug. 9, A. L. 5820,		$1.00
Augustus Jones,	"	"	1.00
John P. Skinner,	Nov. 8,	"	1.00
Ezra Trask,	"	"	1.00
Saml. Lamson,	"	"	1.00
Allen Wait,	"	"	1.00
America Amsden,	Feb. 14, A. L. 5821,		1.00
Stephen Kendall,	"	"	1.00
Elijah Worcester,	"	"	1.00
Benjn. J. Rood,	"	"	1.00
Fees paid,			$10.00

Attest, LYMAN STOW, Secretary

A report was also received from Comp. Norman Williams, as follows :

"In pursuance of a resolution passed at the late session of the Grand Chapter to that effect, the undersigned repaired to Windsor Mark Lodge on the 2d Wednesday of August, 5820, and having received their dues and returns permitted them to pursue their work.

The dues of said Lodge amounting to Eleven dollars and the returns to the Grand Chapter, of the officers of said Lodge elected in June, 5820 accompany this report as follows : (All which is respectfully submitted).

NORMAN WILLIAMS."

"A return to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont of the officers of the Windsor Mark Lodge No. 5, and of all those who have been Advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason in said Lodge for the year ending on the first Wednesday in June, 1820.

OFFICERS.

HORACE SMITH, Master.
CALVIN CHAPIN, Jr., Senior Warden.
JOSEPH STOCKER, Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
Benja. Tolls,	Weathersfield,	Aug. 11,	1819,	$1.00
Saml. Shead,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
James Jones,	"	"	"	1.00
Isaac W. Hubbard,	"	Nov. 10,	"	1.00
Horace Hunter,	"	"	"	1.00
Seneca Marks,	Reading,	Feb. 9,	1820,	1.00
Elisha Streeter,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Benja. Sawyer,	Reading,	"	"	1.00
Ira Burlingame,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
Lyman Stone,	Windsor,	"	"	1.00
Saml. Allison,	Weathersfield,	"	"	1.00
Fees,				$11.00

J. L. PUTNAM, Secretary."

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, Arlington, represented by Zacheus Hovey.

"Return of said Lodge.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Buck,	Master.
Wm. Hoit,	Senior Warden.
Ira Hurd,	Junior Warden.

Arlington, June 3d, A. L. 5821.

[L. S.]

Attest, Julius Beebe, Secretary."

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock.

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont of those who have been advanced in Washington Mark Lodge No. 8, from June 5820 to June 5821.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Churchill, Jr.,	Master.
Francis Perkins,	Senior Warden.
David Pierce,	Junior Warden,

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
John Bennet,	Woodstock,	June 21, 5820,	$1.00
Geo. W. Rice,	"	March 21, 5821,	1.00
Jacob Barnes,	"	" " "	1.00
Fees to Grand Chapter,			$3.00

Woodstock, June A. L. 5821.

Attest, Chas. Williams, Secretary."

[L. S.]

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel.

"A return to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of all who have been advanced in Bethel Mark Lodge No. 11, since the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Putnam,	Master.
Lovell Hibbard,	Senior Warden.
Nathan Kimball,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.		Fee.
Cyrus Chapman,	Tunbridge,	July 4, A. L. 5820,		$1.00
Charles Green,	Bethel,	Sept. 6,	"	1.00
Daniel Ashcraft,	Royalton,	"	"	1.00
Curtis Cleveland,	"	Nov. 7,	"	1.00
John Cane,	Hancock,	"	"	1.00
Ira Fay,	Barnard,	Jan. 2,	5821,	1.00
James Whitcomb,	Stockbridge,	"	"	1.00
Harry Cheney,	Rochester,	"	"	1.00
David Warren, Jr.,	"	"	"	1.00
Austin Morehouse,	"	"	"	1.00
Ebenezer Colburn,	Randolph,	March 6,	"	1.00
Ezekiel Bissell,	"	"	"	1.00
Gideon Bingham,	Royalton,	"	"	1.00
Coit Parkhurst,	"	May 1,	"	1.00
Joseph Parkhurst,	"	"	"	1.00
Charles O. Gowdy,	Chelsea,	"	"	1.00
Daniel Huntington,	Rochester,	"	"	1.00
Fees paid,				$17.00

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true return of Bethel Lodge, No. 11.

Bethel, June 5, A. L. 5821.

[L. S.]

Attest, J. Morgan, Secretary."

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Franklin, represented by Joel Clapp, proxy for the proper officers.

"Returns to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Vermont of all those who have been Advanced in Franklin Lodge No. 12, from June 15, 5819, to the 21st May, A. L. 5821.

OFFICERS.

Austin Fuller,	Master.
Charles Gallup,	Senior Warden.
Jesse Nutting,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Fee.
Alvin House,	Hardwick,	June 15, 5819,	$1.00
Charles Gallup,	Sheldon,	July 7, "	1.00
Humphrey R. Jewett,	Berkshire,	" "	1.00
Robert Baker,	Enosburgh,	Aug. 12, "	1.00
James Green,	Berkshire,	" "	1.00
Francis Fuller,	Hardwick,	18, "	1.00
Thomas Child,	Bakersfield,	" "	1.00
Anson Hull,	Fairfield,	Sept. 18, 5820,	1.00

Fees paid, $8.00

Alvin House, Secretary."

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon.

"Return to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont to be holden at Rutland on the first Wednesday of June, 5821, of all the brethren who have been advanced to the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason from the first Wednesday of June A. L. 5821.

OFFICERS.

Josiah W. Hale,	Master.
Parley Enos,	Senior Warden.
Asa Clarkman,	Junior Warden.

Hiram B. Strong, advanced Feb. 21, 5821.

Fees to Grand Chapter, $1.00

Attest, Ward E. Hunt, Secretary.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Chelsea, not represented and voted to be excused by the Grand Chapter.

Brothers Howes, Whitefield and Hovey were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the informal returns from several Mark Lodges and make report.

Opened in due and ancient form on the seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gordon Newell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand King.
E. Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. Comp. Joel Clapp,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Steward.
" John Cook,	Grand Sentinel.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were then called upon to make their returns, and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland.

"*To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting at Rutland:*

The following are all those who have received the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Masons since the last yearly communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
George Warren,	Fairhaven,		Nov. 14, 1820.
Silas Warren,	Rutland,	Jan. 9, 1821,	
Amos Drury,	"		Jan. 9, 1821.
Chauncey Trowbridge,	Fairhaven,		March 13, "
Otis Frary,	Rutland,	May 8, 1821,	
Paul Field,	Brandon,		May 8, "

Fees paid, $10.00.

OFFICERS.

BENJAMIN SMITH,	High Priest.
HANNIBAL HODGES,	King.
JOSIAH W. HALE,	Scribe.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affixed the Seal of our Chapter this 6th day of June A. L. 5821.

Attest, JOHN PURDY, Secretary."

[L. S.]

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by Lemuel Whitney, High Priest, and as proxy for King and Scribe.

"Returns of Lebanon Forest Chapter :

OFFICERS.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,	High Priest.
PHINEAS WHITE,	King.
MUNNIS KINNEY,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Paul Chase, Jr.,	Brattleboro,		May 17, 1820.
Samuel Cutting,	Guildford,		" " "
Samuel Roet,	Brattleboro,		Sspt. 20, "
Elisha D. Andrews,	Putney,		Feby. 21, 1821.
Asa Keyes,	"		" " "
Elijah Foot,	Brattleboro,		" " "
Martin Field,	Newfane,		May 16, "
James Keyes,	Putney,		" " "
Hezekiah Horton,	Hinsdale, N. H.,		May 16th, 1821.

Dues paid $21.00.

Brattleboro, May 28, A. L. 5821.

Attest, HENRY CLARK, Secretary."

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by Daniel Wait, High Priest, and as proxy for Scribe.

"Returns of Washington Chapter:

OFFICERS.

DANIEL WAIT,	High Priest.
NOMLAS COBB,	King.
JOSHUA LELAND,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted
John Perkins,	Springfield,	Feby. 16, 1821,	Feby, 16, 1821.

Dues paid, $3.00.

Chester, June 2, A. L. 5821.

Attest, AMOS HEALD, Secretary."

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Silas A. Cook, High Priest, Phineas Strong, King, and Samuel Wright, Scribe.

"Returns of Social Chapter:

OFFICERS.

TITUS A. COOK,	High Priest.
PHINEAS STRONG,	KING.
SAMUEL WRIGHT,	SCRIBE.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Anthony Calvin,	Danby,	June 26, 1820,	
Barker Frisbee,	Middletown,		Sept. 19, 1820.
Washington L. Wait,	Granville, N. Y.,	Feby. 12, 1821.	
James Sweet,	Danby,		Apr. 16, 1821.

Dues paid, $6.00.

Attest, ELISHA ALLEN, Secretary."

A petition was received from a number of Mark Masters at Chelsea, praying for a Mark Masters Lodge at that place. Referred to following Committee, Companions Newell, Howard and Whitford.

The following are the names of the petitioners :

John Stearns,
H. C. Weedin,
Ammi B. Allen,
Ezra Bliss,
David Hatch,
Daniel Wyman,
Joseph K. Parish,
Charles O. Goudey.
H. E. G. McLaughlin.
Levi Fullam,
Thomas Winslow,
Ephriam Hatch,
Nathaniel B. Chapman,
Z. P. Burnham,
D. Azro A. Buck,

Companions Farnsworth, Shaw and Cook of Pawlet were appointed a Committee, to settle with Treasurer and Secretary and audit the accounts presented against the Grand Chapter.

Companions Hobard, Goddard and Clapp were appointed a Committee denominated a Committee of Charity.

Companion Green presented the following resolution :

"In Grand Chapter, Rutland, June 6, A. L. 5821.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Companion Thomas Miller, as a charitable donation from this Grand Chapter, the sum of dollars."

Which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Companion Farnsworth presented the following :

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Charity be directed take into consideration the case of Companion Samuel Barlow of St. Albans, who has recently sustained the loss of most of his property by fire, and make report to this Grand Chapter."

Which was adopted.

Lectured on the fourth degree.

Called from labor to dispensation on the seventh degree.

A procession was then formed under the direction Companion Strong, Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the Court House, where an excellent, impressive and very solemn discourse was delivered by the Rev. Companion Joel Clapp,

Grand Chaplain, after which the Companions partook of an elegant repast at Companion Abel Page's, and reurned to the hall where the labors of the Chapter were resumed.

Voted, That the Treasurer be hereby directed to pay the expenses of all Royal Arch Masons who have dined at Companion Page's this day.

Companions Smith, Howard and Wilson were appointed a Committee to report on the unfinished business of the last session.

Companion Goddard introduced the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to our Rev. Companion, Joel Clapp, for his able, pertinent and pious discourse delivered this day, and request a copy for the press, and also to present him with the sum of thirty dollars."

Which was adopted and Companion Whitney was appointed as such Committee.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing when Companions Howes, Pratt and Strong were appointed a Committee to sort and count the votes, and the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, to wit :

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gordon Newell,	Deputy Grand High Priest
E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand King.
E. Josiah W. Hale,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Joel Clapp,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Napthali Shaw,	Grand Visitor.
" Thomas Miller, " W. B. Haskins,	Grand Stewards.
" Thomas Miller,	Grand Sentinel.

Called from labor to refreshment.

Called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary made the following report:

"Your Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary having attended to the business assigned them, do find and report that the Grand Secretary received as dues at the last annual session of the Grand Chapter, $266.00, which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer. Your Committee also find that the Grand Treasurer is charged with the sum of $988.84; that he produces proper vouchers for the svm of $292.72 which he has paid out, leaving a balance in the hands of Companion Benjamin Lord, Grand Treasurer, at the commencement of the present session of the sum of $696.12. We also find in the hands of the Grand Secretary, after deducting his account up to the commencement of the present session, a balance of $39.17, all which is submitted.

JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,
TITUS A. COOK,
NAPHTALI SHAW, 2d, } Committee.

The Committee on Returns from Enosburgh Mark Lodge, made the following report:

"Masons Hall, June 6, A. D. 1821.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now in session:

Your committee to whom was referred the case of Enosburgh Mark Lodge returns, beg leave to report that a committee be appointed with discretionary powers to call on said Lodge for their charter and funds, or if said committee think proper to receive their dues and returns and allow them to continue their labors.

JOSEPH HOWES for Committee."

Which was accepted, and Companion J. D. Farnsworth was appointed to carry into effect the said report.

The Charity Committee made the following report:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session:*

Your committee to whom was referred the petitions of Companions Barlow and Miller for relief, from the funds of this Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that having taken into consideration the said petitions, they would recommend that the Treasurer of this Grand Chapter be directed to pay over to the said Barlow and Miller the sum of thirty dollars each, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, all of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed]

EBENEZER HEBARD,)
NICHOLS GODDARD, > Charity Com.
JOEL CLAP,)

Rutland, June 6, A. L. 5821."

The committee appointed on the unfinished business of the last communication of the Grand Chapter, made their report as follows:

"Rutland, June 6, A. L. 5821.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, now in session:

Your committee on unfinished business respectfully report:

SECTION I. It is inexpedient to alter the time or place for holding the future sessions of this Grand Chapter.

SECTION II. Your committee for want of wisdom in relation to the claims of Companion James Farnsworth against this Grand Chapter, or in relation to the note against him, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, are unable to make any report.

SECTION III. On the subject of the Masonic Chart by Companion Jeremy L. Cross, your committee are of the opinion that it is a valuable and useful assistant, and would therefore recommend it to the use of the several Chapters and Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted by

BENJAMIN SMITH for Committee."

Section one accepted. Sections two and three referred to the next communication of the Grand Chapter.

Companion A. Page presented his bill $37.44, which was allowed.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a Mark Lodge at Chelsea, made the following report which was accepted.

"Masons Hall, June 6, 1821.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont now sitting:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren for a Mark Lodge at Chelsea, report that whenever and so soon as they obtain the approbation of the nearest Mark Lodge, in conformity with the Constitution and regulations of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall direct the Grand Secretary to forward them a charter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GORDON NEWELL for Committee."

Lectured on the Seventh Degree, after which adjourned until seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mason Hall, Rutland, June 7, 1821.

Called to labor on the Seventh degree, and lectured on the Seventh degree, after which Companion Naphtali Shaw, 2nd, Grand Visitor, gave the history of the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Master degrees.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Seventh Degree.

Called to labor on the Fourth Degree,

Called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

The committee appointed to wait on the Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain, to return him the thanks of this Grand Chapter, and present him the sum of thirty dollars, reported the performance of that duty.

Voted that Companion Whitney be directed to procure the printing of two hundred copies of the excellent sermon by Companion Rev. Joel Clapp, (if he will be pleased to grant a copy for the press,) and transmit them to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to distribute them to the officers and members of this and other Grand Chapters, and also the officers of Mark Lodges.

Companion Willson presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure a sufficient number of blank returns and blank proxies, and furnish the secular Lodges and Chapters therewith."

Paid Grand Treasurer two hundred and seven dollars.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter of Vermont was closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter a letter was received from the Grand High Priest, intimating that the requirements of the Grand Chapter with respect to the establishment of a Mark Lodge at Chelsea had been complied with, and directing a charter to be made out for the same. A charter was accordingly issued bearing date June 7, A. L. 1821, the fees for which have not been received.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened according to the Constitution and By-Laws and opened on the Fourth or Mark Degree in Masons Hall Rutland on the 5th day of June, 1822.

PRESENT.

John H. Cotton,	Worshipful Master.
Lemuel Whitney,	Senior Warden.
Josiah W. Hale,	Junior Warden.
Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
Joel Green,	Secretary.
Artemas Robbins,	Master Overseer.
Nichols Goddard,	Senior Overseer.
Austin Fuller,	Junior Overseer.
John Cook,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges were called upon to make their returns and were represented as follows:

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by John Chipman as proxy for the officers.

OFFICERS

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Jared W. Copeland,	Senior Warden.
Asahel Pearsons,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Jabez Carpenter,	Middlebury,	Aug. 9, 1821.
Theodore Phelps,	"	" "
Rev. Ebenezer Brown,	"	Oct. 11, "
Herman Mathews,	"	Feby. 14, 1822.
Libbeus Harris,	"	" "
Daniel L. Potter,	"	Apr. 11, "
Eben W. Ladd,	"	" "

James O. Keeffe was suspended indefinitely Aug. 9, 1821.

Attest, HERMAN MATHEWS, Secretary.

Fees paid, $7.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represent- by Barnabas Ellis, Master.

OFFICERS.

BARNABAS ELLIS,	Master.
MARQUIS DE L. F. HOOKER,	Senior Warden.
PHILO HOSFORD,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Munson Pond,	Poultney,	June 15, 1821.
Henry Stanley,	"	Oct. 5, "
Michael McLaughlin,	Hampton, N. Y.,	Feby. 1, 1822.
Samuel C. Parley,	Orwell,	Apr. 5. "
Henry Whitlock,	Castleton,	" "

R. RICE, Jr., Secretary.

Fees paid, $5.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, not represented.

OFFICERS.

LELAND HOWARD,	Master.
DANIEL BOWEN,	Senior Warden.
JOHN L. PUTNAM,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.
Benjamin Tuell,	Aug. 8, 1821.
Warren Spear,	" "
Oliver Hubbard,	" "
Lot C. Hedgeman,	Nov. 14, "
Ronia Mathews,	Feby. 13, 1822.
Wm. Barnard,	" "
Isaac Gregory,	May 8, "
Salmon Hitchcock,	" "
Russel Back,	" "
Abel Spear,	" "

L. Stow, Secretary.

Fees paid, $10 00.

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, Arlington, not represented.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge Woodstock, represented by Charles Williams.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Churchill, Jr.,	Master.
Francis Perkins,	Senior Warden.
Alexander Hutchinson,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.
Samuel Marcy, Jr.,	June 20, 1821.
Amos Warren,	Dec. 19, "
Benjamin Metcalf,	" "

Charles Williams, Secretary.

Fees paid, $3.00.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Lovel Hibbard.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Putnam,	Master.
Lovel Hibbard,	Senior Warden.
Nathan Kimball,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Christopher M. Martin,	Braintree,	July 3, 1821.
Ira Cooper,	Rochester,	Sept. 5th, "
Jared Parkhurst,	Sharon,	" "
Ruel Lincoln,	Bethel,	Jan. 1, 1822.

Bethel, June 4th, 1822.

GEORGE CHASE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburgh, represented by Austin Fuller.

OFFICERS.

AUSTIN FULLER,	Master.
CHARLES GALLUP,	Senior Warden.
JESSE NUTTING,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Alvin House,	Hardwick,	June 15, 1819.
Charles Gallup,	Sheldon,	July 7, "
Humphrey R. Jewett,	Enosburgh,	" " "
Robert Barber,	Enosburgh,	Aug. 12, "
Jonas Green,	Berkshire,	" " "
Francis Fuller,	Hardwick,	" 18, "
Thomas Childs,	Enosburgh,	" " "
Anson Hull,	Fairfield,	Sept. " 1820
Eldad S. Butler,	Berkshire,	" 11, 1821

ELISHA M. ROYCE, Secretary.

Berkshire, May 20th, 1822.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by Seth Keeler.

OFFICERS.

JOSIAH W. HALE,	Master.
PARLEY ENOS,	Senior Warden.
ASA BLACKMORE,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Chauncey Childs,	Brandon,	Jan. 18, 1822
Joseph W. Wright,	"	" " "

WARD E. HUNT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Chelsea, not represented; excused by vote of Grand Chapter.

Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Lemuel Whitney,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Josiah W. Hale,	Grand King.
E. ————	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Joel Clap,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Naphtali R. Shaw, 2d,	Grand Visitor.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Steward.
" Abel Page,	Grand Steward.
" John Cook,	Grand Tyler.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were then called upon to make their returns, and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by its officers.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Smith,	High Priest.
Hannibal Hodges,	King.
Whitman B. Haskins,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John I. Duncan,	Rutland,	July 10, 1821,	
John P. E. Stanley,	Poultney,	" "	Sept. 11, 1821.
Otis Frary,	Rutland,	" "	Jan. 8, 1822.

Preston Southworth,	Clarendon,	Jany. 8, 1822.	
Walter Green,	"	" "	
Henry Steward,	"	May 14, "	
Frederic Button,	"		May 14, 1822.
Henry Hunter,	"		" " "
Joseph W. Sawyer,	Whiting,		" " "

Rutland, June 4, 1822.

JOHN PURDY, Secretary.

Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented in 1821 by Joseph D. Farnsworth, High Priest.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH, High Priest.
STEPHEN BEACH, King.
JOSHUA DOANE, Scribe.

Name.	Residenced.	Advanced.	Exalted.
William Bridges,	St. Albans,	Feb. 20, 1821,	Feb. 21, 1821.
John Worthing,	Colchester,	" " "	" " "
Alson Landon,	South Hero,	" " "	March 20, "
Asahel Langworthy,	St. Albans,	" " "	Feb. 21, "
Joseph Weeks,	"		Jan. 16, "
John D. Burton,	"		" " "
Justin Walker,	Colchester,	March 20, "	March 20, "
Alanson Healey,	South Hero,	" " "	
William Gale,	Grand Isle,		" " "

Samuel S. Butler, Dimitted, Dec. 19, 1821.
Roswell Hutchins, " " " "
Edward Thurston, Affliated, " " "

St. Albans, May 31, 1821.

ABIJAH STONE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by John Nason, proxy for King.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	High Priest.
STEPHEN BEACH,	King.
JOSHUA DOANE,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jonathan Merrill,	Sterling,	Sept. 18, 1821,	Feb. 26, 1822
Earl Westgate,	"	" " "	
John M. Dewey,	Milton,	" " "	
Roswell Butler,	Essex,	" " "	
Asa Moses,	Swanton,	Feb. 6, 1822,	Feb. 6, 1822
Orlando Stevens,	"	" " "	" " "
Elisha Sheldon,	St. Albans,	" 19, "	" 25, "
Ashbel Smith,	"	" " "	" " "
Thomas Waterman,	Johnson,	March 19, "	March 20, "
Lucius Lyon,	Shelburne,	" " "	" " "
Nathan Burnell,	Milton,	May 20, "	
Ira M. Allen,	St. Albans,	" " "	

St. Albans, June 3d, 1822.

ASAHEL LANGWORTHY, Secretary.

Dues not paid, $26.00.

No. 3. Jerusulem Chapter, Vergennes, represented in 1821 by Samuel Willson, High Priest, and proxy for King and Scribe.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL WILLSON,	High Priest.
WILLIAM MILFORD,	King.
SETH GEER,	Scribe.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
George H. Sumner,		July 17, 1820.
Henry G. Sumner,		" " "
John Bowers,		" " "
Cyrus Griswold,	Aug. 21, 1820.	
Nahor Wheelock,	" 24, "	Aug. 24, "
George Cloys,		" " "
Increase Graves,		" " "
Philo S. Warren,	Sept. 18, "	Sept. 18, "
Enos Soper,		" " "
Nathan Griswold,	Nov. 20, "	
William Fisher,	Jan. 15, 1821.	
Norman Munson,		Jan. 15, 1821.
Ezra Allen		May 21, "
Jared Copeland,		" " "

Vergennes, May 21st, 1821.

HORACE WHEELER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $28.00.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by John Bowers, Scribe, with proxy for High Priest and King.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM WHITFORD, High Priest.
SETH GREER, King.
JOHN BOWERS, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
William Hartshorn,	Waltham,	July 16, 1822,	May 20, 1822
Peter Welch,	Vergennes,		Jan. 21, "
Rev. Ebenezer Brown,	Middlebury,		" " "
Nathan Griswold,	Vergennes,		" " "
Philip C. Tucker,	"	March 18, 1822,	
Jasper J. Golden,	"	" " "	
Richard B. Brown,	Middlebury,		March 18, "
Henry M. Nichols,	"	" " "	" " "
Loren B. Fillmore,	"	" " "	" " "
Asahel Parsons,	"	" " "	May 20, "
Harmon Mathews,	"	" " "	" " "

Vergennes, May 20, 1822.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $22.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented in 1821 by Zaccheus Hovey, High Priest, proxy for King and Scribe.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

Zaccheus Hovey,	High Priest.
Samuel Scott,	King.
David Henry,	Scribe.

Bennington, June 1st, 1821.

Daniel McEowen, Secretary.

No work. No dues.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Arlington, represented by Harvey Bliss, proxy for officers.

OFFICERS.

Zaccheus Hovey,	High Priest.
Samuel Scott,	King.
Daniel Henry,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Gardiner C. Hiscox, Jr.,	Bennington,	Nov. 8, 1821,	Nov. 8, 1821

Bennington, June 1, 1822.

Nathan Bowen, Secretary pro tem.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 5. King Solomon's Chapter, Montpelier, represented in 1821 by Joseph Howes, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Howes,	High Priest.
Jeduthan Loomis,	King.
Erastus Watrous,	Scribe.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
William Bellamy,	July 26, 1820,	
Simon Eggleston,	" "	Sept. 20, 1820.
Experience Fish, Jr.,	" "	
Zebulon P. Burnham,	" "	
John D. How,	" "	Oct. 24, "
Lemuel Farwell,		,, ,,
Eliah Works,	Aug. 23, "	
Joseph Hays,	Aug. 26, "	
Jacob Babbet, Jr.,	Oct. 17, "	Oct. 31, "
Aaron Kinsman,	" 20, "	" "
John Harden,		" "
Milo Shepard,		Nov. 10, "
Calvin Jewett,		Jan. 17, 1821.

Montpelier, June 2nd, 1821.

JOHN SPAULDING, Secretary.

Dues paid, $24.00.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Comp. Waterhouse, proxy for officers.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH HOWES, High Priest.
SAMUEL GOSS, King.
JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jona Wheelock,	Montpelier,	July 11, 1821.	
Frederick Richardson,	Waterbury,	Oct. 16, "	Oct. 26, 1821.
Israel Dewey,	Berlin,	" "	
Benjamin Henry,	Halifax,	" 23, "	" "
Roderick Phillips,		Nov. 2, "	" "
Amos Crosby,	Duxbury,	Feb. 6, 1822,	
John F. Adams,	Barre,	March 6, "	
Frederick Hovey,	Berlin,	" " "	
Walter Little,	Northfield,	" " "	
Russel B. Hyde,	Hydepark,	May 8, 1822,	May 8, 1822.
David P. Noyes,	Morristown,	" " "	" " "

Montpelier, May 8, 1822.

HARRY RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $19.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Woodstock, represented in 1821 by Charles Williams, proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

NORMAN WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
REV. LENARD HOWARD,	King.
JOHN PRATT,	Scribe.

Name.	Exalted.
Jabesh Hunter,	Aug. 16, 1820.
Charles Williams,	" "
Asa Cummins,	" "
William W. Leverett,	" "
James Udall,	" "
Isaac W. Hubbard,	" "
Asa Patridge,	Feb. 21, 1821.
James Jones,	" "
Thomas Boynton,	" "
John P. Skinner,	May 16, "
Joel Lull, Jr.,	" "

Woodstock, June 5th, 1821.

BENJAMIN F. MOWER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $22.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Woodstock, represented by Comp. Bowen, proxy for High Priest, and by Joseph Churchill, Scribe and proxy for King.

OFFICERS.

NORMAN WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
JOSEPH CHURCHILL,	Scribe.
LELAND HOWARD,	King.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Branch Whitcomb,	Stockbridge,		Nov. 21, 1821.
Richard Wait, Jr.,	Windsor,		" " "
Phineas Hubbard,	"		" " "
Robert Barker,	Woodstock,	Nov. 21, 1821.	
George W. Rice,	"		May 15, 1822.

John H. Cotton, Windsor, Affiliated Nov. 21, 1822.

June 5, 1822.

LYMAN MOWER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented in 1821 by Naphtali Shaw, 2nd, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

Returns for 1821, omitted last year.

OFFICERS.

NAPHTALI SHAW, 2ND,		High Priest
DAVID HARTWELL,		King.
C. THOMAS,		Scribe.
Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jacob Goodwin,		Sep. 25, 1820.
Abraham T. Lowe,	Oct. 24, 1820,	Oct. 24, "
Robert Perkins,	Nov. 14, "	Nov. 14, "
Elias Driggs,	Dec. 12, "	Dec. 12, "
Ami B. Allen,	" "	" "
Elanson Morey,	" "	" "
Amos Lord,	" 15, "	" 15, "
Reuben Herrman,	" "	" "
Christopher Paige,	" "	" "
Timothy Underwood,	" "	" "
Jonathan E. Ward,	" "	" "

Bradford, May 19, 1821.

GEORGE W. PRICHARD, Secretary.

Dues paid, $32.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by Naphtali Shaw, 2nd, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

NAPHTALI SHAW, 2nd,		High Priest.
GEORGE W. PRICHARD,		King.
BENJAMIN B. BALDWIN,		Scribe.
Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Asa D. Hurlbutt,	July 10, 1821,	July 10, 1821.
Manassah Williams,	Jan. 7, 1822,	Jan. 7, 1822.
James P. Cady,	Feb. 12, "	Feb. 12, "
Nathan Young,	" " "	" " "

Bradford, May 29, 1822.

JESSE MERRILL, 2nd, Secretary.

Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by Lemuel Whitney, High Priest, Artemas Robbins, King, Phineas White, proxy for Scribe.

OFFICERS.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,	High Priest.
ARTEMAS ROBBINS,	King.
AARON BARNEY,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Hezekiah Horton,	Hinsdale, N. H.,		Feb. 20, 1822.
Timothy Burton,	Townshend,	Sept. 5, 1821,	May 15, "

Eleazer Scott rejected Nov. 28, 1821.

June 1st, 1822.

HENRY CLARK, Secretary.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by Joshua Leland, Scribe, with proxy for High Priest and King. No dues. Returns as follows :

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
DANIEL WAIT,	King.
JOSHUA LELAND,	Scribe.
AMOS HEALD,	Secretary.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Titus A. Cook, High Priest, Return Strong, proxy for King, and L. F. Rowley, proxy for Scribe.

OFFICERS.

TITUS A. COOK,	High Priest.
PHINEAS STRONG,	King.
SAMUEL WRIGHT,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Leonard Blanchard,	Granville, N. Y.,	June 11, 1821,	June 11, 1821.
Appleton Fitch,	Pawlet, Vt.	" " "	Dec. 3, "
Asa S. Jones,	" "	" " "	June 11, "
Benjamin Fish,	Danby,		" " "
Lee T. Rowley,	Granville, N. Y.,	Dec. 3, 1821,	Dec. 3, "
Aaron S. Trowbridge,	Pawlet,	" " "	" " "
Alanson Paddin,	"	" " "	
W. Z. Waite,	Granville, N. Y.,		Feby. 4, 1822.

Pawlet, June 3, 1822.

Attest, ELISHA ALLEN, Secretary

Dues paid, $20.00

Called from labor to dispensation for the purpose of attending the public exercises of the day.

A procession was formed under the direction of Comp. Moses Strong, Grand Marshal, which proceeded to the Meeting House, where an excellent discourse was delivered by Comp. Rev. Joel Clap, Grand Chaplain, from Romans xiv : 16.

After dining at Comp. Abel Page's the Companions returned to the Hall, and the labors of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter were resumed.

Called to labor on the Seventh Degree. The following petition for Chapter at Danville was received, which was referred, to Comps. Bowen, Shaw and Lord.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petitioners hereof humbly show, that they are Ancient, Free and Accepted Companion Royal Arch Masons ; having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry. For the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the Town of Danville to be named Zerubabel Chapter.

In consequence of this desire and the good of the craft, they pray for a Charter or Warrant to empower them to assemble as a legal Chapter to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Masons, in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the Ancient form of the fraternity and the laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; that they have nominated Jude Kimball to be the first Most Excellent High Priest, Calvin Jewett to be the first King, and Nathaniel Hazeltine to be the first Scribe, of said Chapter; that if the prayer of the petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws, rules and regulations of the General and State Grand Royal Arch constitution.

Danville, April 4th, 1822.

Jude Kimball,
Ebenezer Peck,
B. G. Kimball,
Marmaduke Wait,
Adam Duncan,
Peter E. Miles,
Homer Scott,
Isaac Dennison.
Calvin Jewett,
Nathaniel Haseltine,
E. Cleveland,
Richard Hill,
Lucius Kimball,
Jacob Babbitt, Jr.,
John McNabb,

Above petition was endorsed as follows:

At a regular communication of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter convened at Montpelier May 8, A. L. 5822:

Voted that the Chapter give their assent to the within petition for a Chapter to be established at Danville, agreeable to the Ancient usages of Masonry.

Attest, HARRY RICHARDSON, Secretary.

The following petition was received from Temple Chapter, No. 4, which was referred to Comps. Bowen, Shaw and Lord.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petition of the Members of Temple Chapter No. 4, of the town of Bennington, humbly showeth:

That your Petitioners, taking into consideration the past situation of our Chapter, and being desirous of rendering it more respectable, and

of greater advantage to the fraternity, do conceive that if our Chapter was removed to the Town of Arlington it would be more conducive of those purposes. We therefore earnestly pray that it may be removed, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Bennington, 20th May, 1822.

Zaccheus Hovey,	Francis Breckenridge,
Nathan Bowen,	Anthony J. Haswell,
Ebenezer Starnes,	Charles Cushman,
Oliver Abelle,	Samuel Scott,
Isaac Tichenor,	Heman Hall,
Thomas C. Parsons,	George Card,
David Henry,	Robert Gillespie.

Companions Whitney, White and Waterman were appointed a Finance Committee.

Companions Leland, Churchill and Ellis were appointed a Committee to sort and count votes, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to make choice of Officers for the year ensuing; when the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices annexed to their names, respectively:

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand High Priest.
E. Martin Roberts,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Josiah W. Hale,	Grand King.
E. John Nason,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green.	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Joel Clapp,	Grand Chaplain.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Marshal.
" Naphtali Shaw, 2nd,	Grand Visitor.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Steward
" Abel Page,	Grand Steward.
" John Cook,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Comp. Goddard introduced the following:

"In Grand Chapter, June 5th, 1822.

Resolved, That a Committee of one be appointed to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to our Rev. Comp. Joel Clap, for his well-adapted and pious discourse, delivered this day, and present him with the sum of thirty dollars from the funds of this Grand Chapter."

Which was adopted, and Comp. John H. Cotton appointed Committee.

Voted to refer the consideration of the claim of James Farnsworth against this Grand Chapter, and the note in the hands of the Grand Treaurer against him, to the next session of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Return Strong appointed on the Committee of Finance in the room of Comp. Whitney, excused.

Comp. Cotton presented the following resolution :

"In the Grand Chapter, June 5th, 1822.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont be directed to furnish King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, with a new Charter, free of expense to said Chapter, on account of the loss of their former Charter by fire."

Adopted.

Comp. Robbins presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the method of work and lecturing in all the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be the same as established by Comp. Cotton, when he was Grand Visitor, until otherwise directed by this Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted.

Lectured on the Seventh degree. Adjourned until seven o'clock to-morrow morning,

June 6th, 1822.

Called to labor on the Seventh degree.

Comp. A. Page presented his bill for seventy dollars, four cents, which was allowed.

The Committee on the petition for a new Chapter at Danville (see page 309), made the following report :

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, now in session:

The Committee to whom was refered the petition for a new Chapter at Danville, beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; all which is submitted.

June 6th, 5822.

SILAS BOWEN, for Committee.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary made the following report:

"Rutland, June 6th, 1822.

To the Grand Chapter now sitting:

Your Committee appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary:

Report, That there was in the Treasury on the last settlement the sum of $696.12. The amount received by the Treasurer since the last settlement previous to the 6th of June is the sum of $207.00; amounting in all to $903.12. From which deduct the several sums paid out by the Treasurer during the same time, as by proper vouchers, which is $144.91: also, there was in the hands of the Secretary at the last settlement the sum of $39.17. The amount of the account of the Secretary for money paid out and services performed as audited and allowed by your committee is $55.25, which leaves a balance due the Secretary of the sum of $16.08

PHINEAS WHITE,
RETURN STRONG, } Committee."
ARANNAH WATERMAN

Which was adopted.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, now in session:*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition to remove Temple Chapter No. 4, from the Town of Bennington, to the Town of Arlington, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; all which is respectfully submitted, by

June 6th, A. L. 5822.

SILAS BOWEN, for Committee."

Comp. Robbins presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That if there should be a call of the General Grand Chapter to meet in the year ensuing, this Grand Chapter do not feel disposed to pay the expense of a representation by the Grand Officers.

Which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Rev. Joel Clap and to present him with the sum of thirty dollars, made report that he had performed that duty.

Prayers by the Grand Chaplain.

Paid the Grand Treasurer the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine dollars, being all the money received at this communication.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter a charter has been made for Zerubabel Chapter No. 11, at Danville, and the fees received for the same. A new charter has also been made (pursuant with a resolution of this Grand Chapter) for King Solomon's Chapter, No. 5, at Montpelier.

A dispensation was granted to sundry Companions at Burlington, bearing date Oct. 9th, 1822, by Grand High Priest Lemuel Whitney, in accordance with the following petition.

"*To the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:*

The undersigned Companions, Royal Arch Masons, are at present or have been Companions of regular Chapters, and having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that for the convenience of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons we

are desirous of forming a new Royal Arch Chapter in the Town of Burlington, to be named Burlington Chapter; that in consequence of this desire we pray for letters of dispensation empowering us to assemble as a legal Royal Arch Chapter to discharge the duties of Companions in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the order, and the regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State; and for this purpose we nominate and recommend George Robinson to be first High Priest, Rev. Joel Clap to be first King, and James Dean to be first Scribe of said Chapter; and if the prayers of our said petition should be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

David Russell, P. M.
Truman Powell,
William Munson,
Nathan B. Haswell, P. M.
Jacob Rolfe,
Ira Lawrence,
George Robinson,
James Dean.
E. T. Englesby,
John Peck,
Lemuel Page, P. M.
David Bean,
Henry Thomas.
Newton Hayes,
Joel Clap,

"Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, Aug. 20th, 1822.

The within petition having been read, voted, that this Chapter approve of the same and recommend that the prayer thereof be granted. By order of the Chapter,

A. Langworthy, Secretary.'

"Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, Sept. 17th, 182.2

The within petition having been read, voted, that this Chapter approve of the same and recommend that the prayer thereof be granted By order of the Chapter,

Norman Munson, Secretary."

The above is a true copy of the petition of the Companions at Burlington, and the endorsements thereon

Attest, Joel Green, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Chapter in Masons Hall, Rutland, June 4, A. L. 5823, and opened on the Fourth or Mark Masters degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Master.
R. W. Martin Roberts,	Senior Warden.
W. Josiah W. Hale,	Junior Warden.
Br. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Secretary.
" George W. Prichard,	Master Overseer.
" Jared W. Copeland,	Senior Overseer.
" Joseph Wiggin,	Junior Overseer.
" John Cook,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by E. and Rev. Joel Clap, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were called on to make their returns and were represented as follows, viz :

No. 2. Union, Middlebury, represented by Comp. John Chipman.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Daniel L. Potter,	Senior Warden.
Lorin B. Fillmore,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Calvin C. Waller.	Middlebury.	June 13, 1822.
John Copeland,	"	" " "
Isaac C. Markham,	"	" " "
Henry Carlisle,	"	" " "
Horace Nassau,	"	" " "

Rev. Ira Ingraham,	Orwell,	Aug. 8, "
Horace Nichols,	Middlebury,	" " "
Martin Wood,	"	" " "
Nathaniel Gibson,	"	Oct. 10, "
Thaddeus Dunton,	New Haven,	" " "
John Sunderland,	Shoreham,	Dec. 12, "
George M. Copeland,	Salisbury,	" " "
Putnam Sawyer,	Middlebury,	" " "
Millin Stowell,	"	" " "
Joseph Smith,	Salisbury,	Feb. 13, 1823.
Moses F. Wheeler,	New Haven,	" " "
Ziba Gifford,	"	" " "
Robert B. Bates,	Middlebury,	" " "
Aaron L. Hopkins,	Shoreham,	April 10, "
William Cummings,	Middlebury,	" " "
George Chipman,	"	" " "

Middlebury, June 2, 1823.

HERMAN MATHEWS, Secretary.

Dues paid, $21.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Barnabas Ellis, W. M.

OFFICERS.

BARNABAS ELLIS,	Worshipful Master.
GEORGE WARREN,	Senior Warden.
HIRAM P. FRENCH,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Apollos Smith,	West Haven,	Aug. 2, 1822.
David Palmer,	Poultney,	" "
David C. Sproat,	Fairhaven,	Sept. 27, "
Wirham Streeter,	Hampton, N. Y.,	Nov. 27, "
Eli K. Post,	"	" "
Benoni Carpenter,	Fairhaven,	Jany. 24, 1823.
Stacy Potter,	Hampton,	" "
John Parkhill,	Fairhaven,	Mch. " "
Harris W. Bates,	"	" "
Daniel Smith,	"	" "
Stephen L. Bosworth,	"	" "

Alonzo Haw,	Poultney,	"	"
Henry G. Neal,	"	May 23,	"
W. C. George,	"	"	"
Dan Pond,	"	"	"
Benjamin W. Weedin,	Hampton, N. Y.,	"	"
Asa Wood,	Rutland,	" 31,	"

Poultney, June 3, 1823.

RANDALL RICE, JR., Secretary.

Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Wm. Donoghue.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM DONOGHUE,	Master.
DANIEL BOWEN,	Senior Warden.
CALVIN CHAPIN, JR.,	Junion Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
James Hiland,	Hartland,	Nov. 13, 1822.
Campbell Barrett,	Windsor,	" " "
Stephen Shephard,	Weathersfield,	Feb. 12, 1823.
Amasa Parker,	Reading,	May 14, "

Windsor, May 14, 1823.

LYMAN STONE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 6. Arlington Mark Lodge, Arlington, represented by Br. Elijah Buck.

ELIJAH BUCK,	Master.
WILLIAM HOIT,	Senior Warden.
IRA HURD,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.	Fee.
Ephraim McKee,	Jany. 22, 1823,	$1.00.

Arlington, June 2, 1823.

JULIUS BEEBE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented.

Jasper Hazen,	Master.
Gaius Perkins,	Senior Warden.
James Walker,	Junior Warden.
George W. Rice,	Secretary.

Returns made by Comp. Cotton in due form. No dues.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Bro. Hibbard.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Putnam,	Master.
Lovell Hibbard,	Senior Warden.
Jo. A. Curtis,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
James Converse,	Randolph,	July 2, 1822.
Tebina Whitney,	Bethel,	" "
J. H. Kimball,	Randolph,	Sept. 4, "
Richard Bloss,	Royalton,	Nov. 5, "
Elisha Allis, Jr.,	Brookfield,	Jan. 7, 1823.
Mason P. Mills,	Rochester,	March 2, "

Bethel, June 3, 1823.

George Chase, Secretary.

Dues paid, $6 00.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburgh, not represented, no returns.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by Bro. B. Davenport.

OFFICERS.

Josiah W. Hale,		Master.
Seth Keeler,		Senior Warden.
Asa Blackmore,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Joseph Capron,	Leicester,	Dec. 18, 1823.
Seth Witherbee,	Brandon,	" "
Daniel Williams,	Randolph,	" "
Willis Abel,	Orwell,	March 5, "
Samuel B. Spaulding,	Brandon,	" "

Brandon, June 2d, 1823.

Ward E. Hunt, Secretary.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Chelsea, represented by Br. Hosford.

OFFICERS.

D. Azro. A. Buck,		Master.
Joseph K. Parish,		Senior Warden.
Ralph Hosford,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Samuel Austin, Jr.,	Chelsea,	Jan. 2, 1822.
George D. Stearns,	"	Jan. 16, "
Calvin Fullam,	"	March 18, "
Joseph Brown,	"	" 20, "
Parly C. Wills,	"	" 22, "
Abel Carter,	Williamstown,	May 15, "
Ralph Hosford,	Strafford,	June 5, "
Joseph Morrill,	"	" "
Daniel Morrill,	"	" "
Phineas Dodge,	Chelsea,	July 17, "
Adin Spaulding,	Vershire,	" "
Daniel S. Conant,	Strafford,	Aug. 7, "
Isaac Hosford,	Thetford,	" "
John Orlutt,	Randolph,	Nov. 20, "

Cyril Chandlor,	Strafford,	Jan. 15,	1823.
Avery Hawley,	Brookfield,	"	"
Alvah Simonds,	Williamstown,	"	"
Frederick Smith, Jr.,	Strafford,	"	"
Nathaniel Morrill,	"	"	"
Jonathan Tracy,	"	"	"
Chase Dane,	"	"	"
William Willson,	Chelsea,	Feb. 19,	"
John Hatch,	"	"	"
Luther Bugbee,	Randolph,	"	"
Julius Converse,	"	"	"
Leonard B. French,	"	"	"
John French, Jr.,	"	"	"
Samuel W. Davis,	Brookfield,	May 21,	"

Dues paid, $28.00.

Lectured on the Fourth Degree and dispensed with the Fourth Degree.

Opened in Due and Ancient Form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand High Priest.
E. Martin Roberts,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Josiah W. Hale,	Grand King.
E. John Nason,	Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Rev. Joel Clap,	Grand Chaplain.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Steward.
" Abel Page,	Grand Steward.
" John Cook,	Grand Sentinel.

Lectured on Seventh Degree and dispensed with Seventh Degree.

Procession formed and proceeded to the Meeting House where a service was performed by the Rev. Companion Joel Clap in a very solemn and impressive manner.

After dinner at Companion Abel Page's, called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were then called on to make their returns and were represented as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Smith,	High Priest.
Hannibal Hodges,	King.
Whitman B. Haskins,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Enos K. Weller,	Clarendon,		July 9, 1822
Stillman Blanchard,	Rutland,	Sept. 10, 1822,	Sept. 10, "
John Hacket,	Middlebury,		" "
Henry P. Stanley,	Poultney,		" "
Alvin E. Parker,	Clarendon,	Nov. 12, "	March 11, 1823.
Nathaniel D. Tuttle,	"	Jan. 14, 1823,	May 13, "
Harry Whitlock,	Castleton,		Jan. 14, "
Ephraim W. Bisbee,	Rutland,	March 11, "	May 13, "
Presewell Fish,	Ira,	May 13, "	" "
George W. Daniels,	Rutland,	" "	" "
Zera Mead,	"	" "	" "

Silas Bowen, Clarendon, affilated, March 11, 1823.

Rutland, June 2, 1823.

John Purdy, Secretary.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by John Nason, proxy for A. Langworthy, King, S. S. Hall, proxy for Samuel Weed, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Zerah Willoby,	High Priest.
Asahel Langworthy,	King.
Samuel Weed,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Taylor Layton,	Fairfield,	Oct. 16, 1822.	
Thomas H. Campbell,	Cambridga,	Aug. 20, "	
Hosea P. Cobb,	Milton,	Oct. 22, "	
Rodney C. Royce,	St. Albans,	Dec. 16, "	Dec. 18, 1822
Ira M. Allen,	"		Jan. 21, 1823
Henry Carlisle,	Sheldon,		" " "
Luther B. Hunt,	Fairfax,		Dec. 18, "
John M. Dewey,	Milton,		Jan. 21, "
Stratton B. Hunt,	Fairfax,	Jan. 21, 1823,	
John Andrews,	Milton,	Feb. 18, "	May 29, "
George W. Foster,	Swanton,	May 28. "	

St. Albans, May 23, 1823.

ASHBEL SMITH, Secretary.

Dues, $17.00.

Voted to remit the dues of Champlain Chapter for the last year.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by J. W. Copeland, High Priest, Ira Ladd, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JARED W. COPELAND, High Priest.
PHILIP C. TUCKER, King.
IRA LADD, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Philip C. Tucker,	Vergennes,		June 7, 1822.
William Graves,	"	July 15, 1822,	July 15, "
Rev. Ira Ingraham,	Orwell,		Sept. 17, "
Isaac E. Markham,	Middlebury,		" " "
Jonathan H. Farr,	Shoreham,		" " "
John Goodwin,	Bridport,		" " "
Adnah Smith,	Middlebury,	Nov. 18, "	Nov. 18, "
Timothy C. Smith,	Monkton,	" " "	

Luther Chamberlain,	Vergennes,	Jan. 20, 1823,	Jan. 20, 1823.
Martin Wood,	Middlebury,		" " "
Timothy C. Smith,	Monkton,		" " "
Joseph Hurlbut,	"	March 17, "	May 19, "
Ephraim R. Smith,	New Haven,		March 17, "
John B. Copeland,	Middlebury,		" " "
Nathaniel Gibson,	"		" " "
Robert B. Bates,	"		May 19, "
D. E. Griswold,	Waltham,		" " "
Leonard Dakin,	Middlebury,		" " "
Seth Witherbee,	"		" " "
Solomon Howe, Jr.,	Bridport,		" " "

Daniel L. Potter, Middlebury, affiliated, Jan. 20, 1823.
Vergennes, May 19th, 1823.

SAMUEL WILLSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $46.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Arlington, represented by M. Roberts, High Priest, Elijah Buck, King, Elijah Buck, proxy for N. Bowen, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

MARTIN ROBERTS,	High Priest.
ELIJAH BUCK,	King.
NATHAN BOWEN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Robert H. Smith,	Bennington,	Sept. 4, 1822,	Sept. 4, 1822.
Asa Thatcher, Jr.,	Winhall,		" " "
William Beebe,	"		" " "
John A. Williams,	Manchester,	Sept. 4, 1822,	" " "
Zachariah Lyon,	Sunderland,		" " "
Samuel Folsome,	Arlington,		" " "
Abel Aylesworth, Jr.,	"		Nov. 6, "
Lorain Dean,	Manchester,		" " "

Benjamin C. Colby,	Manchester,	Jan. 27, 1823.	
Ebenezer Colby,	"	" " "	Jan. 27, 1823.
Joshua Bowman,	Bennington,	" " "	" " "
Julius Beebe,	Arlington.		" " "
Leonard Sargeant,	Manchester,		May 22, "
Benjamin F. Rawley,	White Creek, N. Y.,		" " "

Arlington, June 22, 1823.

ABEL AYLESWORTH, Secretary.

Voted to dispense with the payment of the dues, $31.00, until the next communication.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Joseph Wiggins, proxy for Samuel Goss, High Priest, Joseph Wiggins, proxy for Joseph Howes, King, Joseph Wiggins, proxy for Arannah Waterman, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL GOSS,	High Priest.
JOSEPH HOWES,	King.
ARANNAH WATERMAN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Denslow Upham,	Waitsfield,	Sept. 4, 1822.	
James Hale,	Barre,	Oct. 18, "	
Jairus Stebbins,	Waitsfield,	" "	
Otis Peck,	Barre,	" 22, "	Oct. 22, 1822.
Charles Clark,	Montpelier,	" "	
Nathaniel Sherman,	Barre,	" "	" 23, "
Augustus Young,	Craftsbury,	" 25, "	" " "
Samuel Rich, Jr.,	Montpelier,	Nov. 5, "	
John Gouldsbury,	Barre,	Jan. 29, 1823.	
Martin Keith,	"	March 26, "	
William Ripley,	"	April 21, "	
Horace Pitkin,	Marshfield,	May 21, "	

Montpelier, June 2d, 1823.

JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, Secretary.

Voted to remit the dues of King Solomon Chapter, $18.00

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Woodstock, represented by John H. Cotton, High Priest, and proxy for Norman Williams, King, John H. Cotton, proxy for Josiah Churchill, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

John H. Cotton,		High Priest.
Norman Williams,		King.
Joseph Churchill,		Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.
James Whitcomb,	Stockbridge,	Feb. 19, 1823.
Robert Barker,	Woodstock,	" "

Woodstock, May 31, 1823.

Lyman Mower, Secretary.

Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by George W. Prichard, King, and proxy for N. Shaw, High Priest, George W. Prichard, proxy for B. P. Baldwin, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Naphtali Shaw, 2d,		High Priest.
George W. Prichard,		King.
Benjamin P. Baldwin,		Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Charles B. Clark,	Bradford, Vt.,	Aug. 13, 1822,	Aug. 13, 1822.
George W. Culver,	Lyme, N. H.,		Jan. 14, 1823.
William M. Smith,		Feb. 11, 1823,	Feb. 11, "
John W. Andross,	Lyme, N. H.,	March 19, "	March 19, "
Samuel Daniels,	Thetford, Vt.,	May 13, "	May 13, "

Bradford, May 13th, 1823.

S. Stevens, Jr., Secretary.

Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by Lemuel Whitney, High Priest, Asa Keys, proxy for King, James Keys, proxy for David W. Sanborn, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,	High Priest.
JEDEDIAH STARK,	King.
DAVID W. SANBORN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Ashbel Dickenson,	Brattleboro,	Nov. 20, 1821,	Feb. 19, 1823.
Henry Smith,	"	Aug. 21, "	" "

Brattleboro, May 21, 1823.

HENRY CLARK, Secretary.

Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by John P. Williams, High Priest, and proxy for David Wait, King, proxy for Nomlas Cobb, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
DANIEL WAIT,	King.
NOMLAS COBB,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Ralph Graves,	Pike, N. Y.,	Dec. 2, 1822,	Dec. 2, 1822.
Sherman Hatch,	Cavendish,		May 23, 1823.
Stephen Shepard,	Weathersfield,		" "

Chester, June 4th, 1823.

AMOS HEALD, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Phineas Strong, High Priest. Johnson M. Cook, proxy for Samuel Wright, Jr., Raymond Hodgkiss, Scribe.

OFFICERS.

PHINEAS STRONG,	High Priest.
SAMUEL WRIGHT,	King.
RAYMOND HODGKISS,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Andrus Eggleston,	Danby,		Dec. 5, 1822.
Levi Thompson,	Wells,	Feb. 24, 1823.	
L. Palmer,	Danby,	" "	
David Young,	"		Feb. 24, 1823.
Josiah Tobey,	Pawlet,	April 21, "	

Pawlet, June 2, 1823.

SILAS FITCH, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, not represented.

Companions Moses Strong, Hannibal Hodges and Joseph Wiggins were appointed a Finance Committee.

Companion John H. Cotton introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

In Grand Chapter, June 4th, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to consider the expediency of altering the time for holding the annual communications of this Grand Chapter, and report their opinions accordingly.

Companions John P. Williams, John Chipman and Phineas Strong were appointed as such Committee.

A petition was presented from Brothers at Fairfax, praying for a Mark Lodge at that place, which was referred to Companions J. H. Cotton, G. W. Prichard and Elijah Buck.

" *To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont :*

We, the undersigned, Mark Master Masons residing in Fairfax, Franklin County, considering it for the promotion of the fraternity, would humbly petition to have a Charter of Mark Master Masons, authorizing us to work as Master Masons in Fairfax, under the name of Lamoille Mark Masters Lodge, to be first convened on the 3d Wednesday of July and to hold regular communications on the 3d Tuesdays of each month at H. Lovegrove's. Should our petition be granted we would recomend Justin Walker as our first Master, Shelomith S. Hall Senior Warden, and Stratton B. Hunt, Junior Warden.

Fairfax, May 20th, 1823.

Luther B. Hunt,	James Farnsworth,
Shilometh S. Hall,	Hampton Lovegrove,
Justin Walker,	Stratton B. Hunt.

The petition was endorsed as follows by Champlain Chapter.

Voted, That the prayer of the petition of the Brothers of Fairfax, be approbated by this Lodge of Mark Masters, and also voted that this Lodge are satisfied as to the manner, character and abilities of the within petitioners, and also would recommend to the Grand Chapter to grant to the within named Brothers a Charter to hold a Mark Masters Lodge in Fairfax, agreeable to the within petition.

St. Albans, May 27th, 5823.

Ashbel Smith, Secretary.

A petition was presented from several Companions for a Royal Arch Chapter at Burlington (see page 314), which was referred to the committee on the petition from Fairfax.

Companion Goddard presented the following resolution :

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter, June 4, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to return the thanks of this Grand Chapter to our Reverend Companion Joel Clap, for his well adapted and pious discourse this day delivered, and present him with the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Companion Bowen was appointed said Committee.

A communication was received from Companion Naphtali Shaw, 2d, as follows:

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont*:

On Tuesday, May 27, A. L. 5823, Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, was consecrated and its officers installed in due form at Danville.

By NAPHTALI SHAW, 2d."

Companions Copeland, Keyes and Hodgkiss were chosen a committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the several offices annexed to their names respectively:

M. E. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. MARTIN ROBERTS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSIAH W. HALE,	Grand King.
E. JOHN NASON,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. HENRY HUNTER,	Grand Chaplain.
" GEORGE WARREN,	Grand Marshal
" NAPHTALI SHAW, 2d,	Grand Visitor.
" ABEL PAGE,	Grand Steward.
" WHITMAN B. HASKINS,	Grand Steward.
" JOHN COOK,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Lebanon Forest Chapter No. 8, praying for some alteration in the By-Laws, which was referred to Companions John P. Williams, Phineas Strong and John Chipman.

Comp. John P. Williams presented the following preamble and resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, Comp. Benjamin Smith, late the Grand Visitor of this Grand Chapter, contemplates leaving the State to reside in the State of New Hampshire, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish Comp. Smith with a certificate of his regular standing in this Grand Chapter and of the office he has lately held in the same, the duties of which he has discharged to the satisfaction of this Grand Chapter.

June 5, A. L. 5823.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for a Mark Lodge at Fairfax made their report as follows, on the petition:

Rutland, June 5, 5823.

To the Grand Chapter now sitting:

The Committee to whom was referred the within petition, report that in their opinion the prayers thereof ought to be granted, and a Charter of Incorporation granted them.

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee.

The Finance Committee made their report of settlement with the Secretary and Treasurer, and also reported the Steward's bill at $79.19, which was allowed.

Dispensed with Lectures on the 4th and 7th Degrees.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Mt. Lebanon Chapter respecting fees and also for the revision of the By-Laws, made report as follows.

In Grand Chapter June 5, A. L. 5823.

Resolved: That the fees hereafter received for conferring the degrees of Mark Master Mason by the several Chapters and Mark Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be five dollars.

Adopted.

Comp. John P. Williams presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

In Grand Chapter June 5, 1823.

Resolved: That this Grand Chapter consider that at all future communications they ought not to provide entertainment for any except members of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary cause this resolution to be read in open Chapter at every annual communication previous to the time of dining.

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay to M. W. Blanchard the sum of ten dollars.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a new Chapter at Burlington made report in favor of granting the petition, which was adopted.

On motion, voted that the Tyler be paid Four Dollars.

Comp. Buck presented the Charter of Arlington Mark Lodge, which was accepted, and the followiug resolution relating thereto adopted:

In Grand Chapter at Masons Hall, June 5, 5823.

Resolved: That the R. W. Master of Arlington Mark Lodge be permitted to hand over to Temple Chapter No. 4, the funds of said Mark Lodge for the use and benefit of said Temple Chapter.

Voted that the petition of Companions at Brattleboro and the report of the Committee thereon be referred to the next session of this Grand Chapter.

Received of Comp. S. S. Hall the fees for a Charter for a Mark Lodge at Fairfax, $20.00.

Secretary's account allowed, $37.59.

Prayers by Comp. Rev. Joel Clap.

Paid Grand Treasurer $248.00.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws and opened on the Fourth or Mark Masters Degree, in Masons Hall, Rutland, on the 16th day of June, 1824.

PRESENT.

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Master.
R. W. Josiah W. Hale,	Senior Warden.
W. Martin Roberts,	Junior Warden.
B. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
B. Joel Green,	Secretary.
B. John Purdy,	Master Overseer.
B. George W. Daniels,	Senior Overseer.
B. John M. Weeks,	Junior Overseer.
B. John Cobb,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Excellent and Rev. Joel Clap, Past Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter were then called on to make their returns, and were represented as follows, viz. :

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by the proper officers.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Daniel L. Patten,	Senior Warden.
Charles Linsley,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
William English,	Middlebury,	June 12, 1823.
Salathail Bump,	Salisbury,	Oct. 9, "
Ira Gifford,	New Haven,	" "
Rev. Sherman Kellogg,	Hubbardton,	27, "
James Goreham,	Addison,	" "
Rev. J. J. Mathias,	Middlebury,	Dec. 11, "
Calvin Solace,	Bridport,	" "
Joseph Spencer, Jr.,	Addison,	Feb. 12, 1824.
James L. Morton,	Salisbury,	April 10, "
Cyrus Morton,	"	" "
Harvey Willson,	Middlebury,	" "
Nathaniel B. Mallory,	"	" "
Arthur Latham,	"	" "
William Allen,	Leicester,	June 10, "
Charles Bowen,	Middlebury,	" "
Hiram Hopkins, Jr.,	"	" "

Truman Titus, Salisbury, rejected, June 10, 1824.

Middlebury, June 14, 1824.

HARMON MATHEWS, Secretary

Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven.

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. COLBURN,	Master.
GEORGE WARREN,	Senior Warden.
ALONZO HOWE,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Roswell Bottom, Jr.,	Orwell,	Sept. 9, 1823.
Horace Cobb,	"	" "
Samuel P. Hooker,	Hampton,	" "
Linus Mallary,	Poultney,	" "
John Searles,	Hampton,	" "

Bishop Bottom,	Orwell,	Jan. 16, 1824.
Oliver Buel,	"	" "
Jeremiah Boynton,	"	" "
Zurial Lewis,	Poultney,	" "
Jacob Willard,	Fairhaven,	" "
Eleazer Lyman, Jr.,	Castleton,	" "
John Beman,	Fairhaven,	March 12, "
Zebulon Ames,	Ira,	" "

Fairhaven, May 7, 1824.

SYLVESTER POND, Secretary.

Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor.

OFFICERS.

DANIEL BOWEN,	Master.
JOSEPH STOCKING,	Senior Warden.
IRA CUMMINGS,	Junior Warden

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Daniel Haskel,	Weathersfield,	Nov. 12, 1823.

Abel Nutting, Windsor, rejected, May 12, 1824.

Windsor, May 12, 1824.

LYMAN STONE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 3. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented.

On motion, voted to excuse the above Lodge until the next communication of this Grand Chapter.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Brother Stephen Cleaveland, as proxy for Master and Senior Warden.

OFFICERS.

LOVEL HEBARD,	Master.
NATHAN KIMBALL,	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH A. CURTIS,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Samuel Brown,	Bethel,	July 1, 1823.
Kittridge Havens,	"	" "
James McConnel,	"	" "
Paul W. Gay,	Stockbridge,	" "
Reuben A. Lamb,	Bethel,	Nov. 4, "
James Fifield,	"	" "
Hiram Wilson,	"	" "
Abijah Lincoln,	Royalton,	" "
Daniel Weston,	Bethel,	Jan. 6, 1824.
Hosea Mansfield,	Randolph,	May 4, "
William Sawyer,	Bethel,	" "
William Carley,	Randolph,	" "
Samuel Varley,	Bethel,	" "
Simeon D. Putnam,	"	" "

Bethel, June 1, 1824.

ZEBINA WHITNEY, Secretary.

Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburgh, not represented.

Return sent in and on motion accepted.

OFFICERS.

CHARLES GALLUP, Master.
AUGUSTUS FULLER, Senior Warden.
AMHERST WILLOUGHBY, Junior Warden.

Lyman Cushing, Berkshire, Advanced, May 10, 1824.

Enosburg, May 28, 1824.

WILSON BARBY, Secretary.

Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 14. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

BARZILLAI DAVENPORT, Master.
SETH KEELER, Senior Warden.
PARLEY ENOS, Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Isaac Clark,	Pittsford,	Nov. 19, 1823.
Ebenezer Brooks,	Springfield,	Jany. 26, 1824.
Azor Dikeman,	Pittsford,	Feby. 18, "
Samuel Morgan,	"	" "
Hiram P. Weeks,	Brandon,	March 2, "
Daniel Farrington,	"	" "
Oliver M. Smith,	"	" 17, "
Luther Conant,	"	" "
Freeman H. Mott,	"	" 31, "
Michael Bates,	"	" "
Isaac Wheadon,	Pittsford,	April 21, "
George W. Kelley,	Brandon,	" "
John Smith, Jr.,	Leicester,	May 21, "
Enoch Smith, Jr.,	Sudbury,	June 2, "
John Barker,	Leicester,	" "

Six candidates proposed for advancement June 2d, 1824. Lodge at this time well united and in a flourishing state.

Brandon, June 14, 1824.

WARD E. HUNT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Chelsea, not represented.

On motion voted that Orange Mark Masters Lodge, No. 14, be allowed to continue their labors until the next communication of this State Grand Chapter.

No. 15. Lamoille Mark Lodge, Fairfax, represented by the Junior Warden

OFFICERS.

LUTHER B. HUNT,	Master.
CHURCHILL LAMPSON,	Senior Warden.
JAMES FARNSWORTH,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	
Reuben Lovegrove,	Fairfax,	July 16,	1823.
Lucius R. Beeman,	"	"	"
Josiah Grant,	"	"	"
Levi Joslin,	"	Sept. 17,	"
John L. Safford,	"	"	"
Nehemiah Smith,	"	" 23,	"
Ira Farnsworth,	"	"	"
Alvah Dutton,	"	Oct. 15,	"
Oliver Dutton,	"	"	"
Harvey Soule,	"	"	"
Elisha Walker,	Westford,	Dec. 17,	"
Arnold Holt,	Enosburgh,	Jany. 1,	1824.
Hiram Wood,	Plattsburgh, N. Y.,	"	"
Amos Willson,	Fairfax,	Feby. 18,	"
Allen L. Nichols,	"	Mch. 8,	"
Eben L. Farrar,	"	"	"
Jonas Jones,	"	"	"
Andrew Story,	"	"	"
Jonas B. Mower,	"	April 12,	"
Greenleaf Cheeney,	"	"	"

Fairfax, May 25, 1824.

STRATTON B. HUNT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $20.00.

Lectured on the fourth degree.

Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. MARTIN ROBERTS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSIAH W. HALE,	Grand King.
E. SILAS BOWEN,	as Grand Scribe.
E. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
E. JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
R. and Rev. Comp. HENRY HUNTER,	Grand Chaplain.

Comp. George Warren,	Grand Marshal.
" Abel Page,	Grand Steward.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Steward.
" John Cook,	Grand Sentinel.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

Procession formed under the direction of Comp. George Warren, Grand Marshal, which proceeded to the Meeting-House, where an excellent and well-adapted discourse was delivered by the Excellent and Rev. Comp. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain. After partaking of an excellent dinner, furnished by Comp. Abel Page, Grand Steward, the Companions returned to the Hall, and the business of Masonry was resumed.

The several Chapters were called on to make their returns and were represented as follows :

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by its officers.

OFFICERS.

Hannibal Hodges,	High Priest.
Whitman B. Haskins,	King.
John Purdy,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Moses Ingals,		July 8, 1823,	July 23, 1823.
Ralph Grenel,	Rutland,	" "	
Orvill H. Round,		" "	" "
Apollos Smith,	West Haven,		" 8, "
William Haven,		Nov. 11, "	Nov. 11, "
Jacobet Bailey,	Rutland,	" "	" "
Alonzo Howe,	Poultney,		" "
Buel Parker,	Clarendon,	Jany. 13, 1824,	Jany.24,1824.
Asa Wood,	"	" "	" "
E. L. Bailey,	Rutland,	" "	" "
Wm. H. Bailey,	"	" "	" "
John Kellogg,	Benson,	March 9, "	March 9, "

Rutland, June 14, 5824.

E. W. Bisbee, Secretary.

Dues paid, $31.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, not represented.

On motion, voted that Champlain Chapter, No. 2, be allowed to continue their labors until the next communication of this Grand Chapter.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by H. M. Nichols, proxy for High Priest, and John Bowen, proxy for Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Philip C. Tucker,			High Priest.
Henry M. Nichols,			King.
Orvis Pier,			Scribe.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Solomon Mason,		July 21, 1823.	
Stephen Haight,	Monkton,		July 21, 1823.
Joshua L. Strong,	Bridport,	Sept. 15, "	Sept. 15, "
Arunah Huntington,	"	" "	" "
Simeon Dunklee,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Caleb E. Barton,	Charlotte,	" "	" "
Libbeus Harris,	Middlebury,		" "
Putnam Sawyer,	"		" "
George M. Copeland,	"		" "
Bethuel Goodrich,	"		" "
George Chipman,	"		" "
Anson Munson,	Hinesburgh,	Nov. 17, "	Jany. 19, 1824.
Chester Stevens,	"	" "	" "
George Ferris,	"	" "	
S. Shepard, Jr.,	Elizabethtown, N. Y.,	" "	Feb. 16, "
Levi Piersons,	"	" "	" "
Edmund Collins,	Monkton,	Jany. 19, "	" 19, "
Chester Meech,	Hinesburgh,	" "	" "
William Tracy,	Monkton,	" "	" "
Ira O. Prouty,	Middlebury,	" "	" "
Orvis Pier,	Monkton,	" "	Feby. 16, "
John Barnum,	"	" "	" "

Rev. J. J. Mathias,	Middlebury,		Feby. 16, 1824.
Orin Smith,	Monkton,	" "	March 15, "
Horatio A. Smith,	"	Feby. 16, "	Feby. 16, "
Ira Smith,	"	" "	" "
Sol. C. Carter,	"	" "	" "
Samuel Shepard,	Panton,	" "	" "
Stephen Smith,	Salisbury,		" "
Joseph Smith,	Leicester,		" "
Ithuel Stone,	Charlotte,	March 15, "	
Timothy Harris,	Middlebury,	" "	March 15, "
Charles O. Gowdy,	"		" "
Elijah Peck,	Charlotte,	May 17, "	May 17, "
Isaac Loomis,	Vergennes,	" "	
Wait Squier, Jr.,	New Haven,	" "	
Henry Benson,	Hinesburgh,	" "	" "
Thomas Smith,	Monkton,	" "	
Rev. Josiah Hopkins,	New Haven,	" "	" "
Rev. Alexander Lovell,	Vergennes,	" "	

Vergennes, May 17, 1824.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $93.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Arlington, represented by Martin Roberts, High Priest, and Nathan Bowen, Scribe, with proxy for King.

OFFICERS.

MARTIN ROBERTS, High Priest.
ELIJAH BUCK, King.
NATHAN BOWEN, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
David J. Matteson,	Fredonia,		July 2, 1823.
John R. Dodge,	Manchester,	July 17, 1823,	"17, "
Joshua French,	"		" "

Arlington, June 14, 1824.

JULIUS BEEBE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Joseph Howes, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH HOWES,	High Priest.
SAMUEL GOSS,	King.
JOSEPH WIGGINS,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Oramel H. Smith,	Montpelier,	Sept. 17, 1823,	March 17, 1824.
Roswell H. Knapp,	"	" "	Oct. 31, 1823.
Rev. Joel Winch,	Northfield,	Oct. 17, "	" 24, "
Wm. A. Prentiss,	Montpelier,	" 21, "	" "
Horace Pitkin,	Marshfield,		" "
Zebulon P. Burnham,	Brookfield,		" 31, "
Experience Fish, Jr.,	"		" "
Jesse Carpenter,	Waitsfield,	Jany. 14, 1824.	
Darius Pride,	Williamstown,		Jany. 14, 1824.
Julius Converse,	Randolph,		" "
Jacob K. Parish,	"		" "
Horatio N. Baylis,	Montpelier,	March 17, "	March 17, "
Philip Davis,	Brookfield,		" "
Elias Carpenter,	Randolph,		May 12, "

Montpelier, May 12, 5824.

WM. A. PRENTISS, Secretary.

Dues paid, $32.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by John H. Cotton, High Priest, H. Peabody, proxy for Jabez C. Hunter, King.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. COTTON,	High Priest.
JABEZ C. HUNTER,	King.
JASPER HAVEN,	Scribe.

Windsor, June 14, 5824.

WM. W. LEVERETT, Secretary.

No dues. No work.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, not represented. No returns.

Voted to allow Mount Lebanon Chapter to continue labor until the next session of this Grand Chapter without further order.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by Lemuel Whitney, High Priest, with proxy for King and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,	High Priest.
JEDEDIAH STARK,	King.
DAVID W. SANBORN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Benjamin Bixby,	Guilford,		Aug. 20, 1823.
Ephraim H. Mason,	Putney,		" "
John Fessenden,	Townsend,		" "
Rufus Green,	Wilmington,	May 19, 1826.	
Humphrey Mellen,	"	" "	
Asa Knight,	Newfane,	" "	

Simeon Fisher, Newfane, rejected March 17, 1824.

Brattleboro, June 10, 5824.

HENRY CLARK, Secretary.

Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by Daniel Bowen, as proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS,	High Priest.
DANIEL WAIT,	King.
NOMLAS COBB,	Scribe.

June 3, 1824.

AMOS HEALD, Secretary.

No dues. No work.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Raymond Hotchkiss, King, and Return Strong, as proxy for High Priest and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Wright,	High Priest.
Raymond Hotchkiss,	King.
Andrus Eggleston,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John H. Cleveland,	Pawlet,	June 23, 1823.	
Marcus Stoddard,	Middletown,	Feby. 9, 1824.	
Orson Brewster,	"	" "	Feby. 9, 1824.
Orson Clark,	"	April 12, "	April 12, "

Pawlet, June 7, 1824.

Jonathan Robinson, Secretary.

Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, not represented. Returns sent in and accepted.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Cleveland,	High Priest.
Nathan Haseltine,	King.
Ebenezer Peck,	Scribe.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Ira Armington,	Aug. 27, 1822,	Aug. 27, 1822.
Nathaniel Bishop,	Sept. 24, "	Sept. 24, "
Robert H. Hunting,	" "	" "
Richard L. Dickerman,		Jany. 28, 1823.
Horace Evans,		" "
Wm. Rowell,		Feby. 25, "
Harvey Shepard,	May 27, 1823.	
Charles Storey,		Aug. 26, "
Hezekiah Martin,	Jany. 20, 1824.	
Samuel Warner,	" "	
David Tuttle,	" "	
Wm. E. Paddock,	" "	
Joseph Bassett,	" "	
Samuel Kelley,	May 18, "	

Danville, May 28, 5824.

John McNab, Secretary.

Dues paid, $28.00.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by Joel Clap, King, with proxy for High Priest and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

George Robinson,	High Priest.
Joel Clap,	King.
James Dean,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Chauncey Brownell,	Williston,	Jan. 30, 1823,	May 27, 1823.
Nahum Osgood,	Burlington,	May 27, "	Dec. 5, "
John M. Sawyer,	"	" "	Nov. 28, "
Rev. Samuel Clark,	"	Nov. 18, "	" "
James L. Sawyer,	"	July 22, "	" "
John Brown,	Williston,	Nov. 18, "	Feb. 4, 1824.
John M. Eldridge,	Hinesburgh,	Jan. 13, 1824,	
Eben Chittenden,	Essex,	" "	" "
Billy B. Butler,	"	" "	" "
David Kellogg, 3rd,	"	" "	" "
Truman Sterns,	South Hero,	May 11, "	
Simeon Lee,	Williston,	" "	
Selah Murray,	"	" "	
James Corbin, Jr.,	Burlington,	" "	May 18, "
Asahel Forbes,	"	" "	" "
Ira Hatch,	Essex,	" "	

Burlington Vt., May 29, 5824.

Nathan B. Haswell, Secretary

Dues paid, $38.00.

The following resolution was introduced by Comp. Clap.

Resolved: That a Committee of three members be appointed to wait upon the Rev. Comp. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain, and present him with the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his excellent discourse this day delivered before the Grand Chapter; and also to present him with the sum of thirty dollars from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted and Comps, Clap, Cotton and Drury appointed said Committee.

Companions Hannibal Hodges, Daniel Bowen and Henry M. Nichols were appointed a Committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, voted that the petitioners from Lebanon Forest Chapter have leave to withdraw their petition.

Comp. Clap introduced the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Fifth Article of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter be amended by erasing the word "four," in the seventh line of the printed copy, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five."

Which was adopted so far as to refer the resolution to Companions Clap, Cotton and Bowen.

Companion Cotton introduced a petition from the members of Windsor Royal Arch Chapter, praying for a removal of said Chapter from Woodstock to Windsor, which was referred to Companions Martin, Roberts, Farnsworth and Howes.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Randolph and parts adjacent, praying for a Chapter at that place, and another praying for a Chapter at Royalton, both of which were referred to Companions Cotton, Clap and Bowen.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont to be holden at Rutland on the third Wednesday of June, A. L. 5824.

The subscribers, Companions Royal Arch Masons, humbly present their petition for a Chapter by the name of Randolph to be located at Randolph, near the center Meeting-House, and name Companion John Stearns for the first High Priest, Companion Zebulon P. Burnham, for the first King, and Companion Joseph A. Curtis, for the first Scribe. Should their petition meet with the approbation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter they promise a strict conformity to the principles of the order as well as the rules, regulations and ordinances of the Grand Chapter.

May 28, 1824.

James Converse,	Randolph,	David Bigelow,
Joseph Smith,	"	Zebulon P. Burnham, Brookfield,
Experience Fisk, Jr.,	Brookfield,	Orl. Billings, Royalton,
Jacob K. Parish,	Randolph,	Rufus Copeland,
Elias Carpenter,	"	Philip Davis, Brookfield,
Elisha Seabury,	Roxbury.	Asa Partridge, Royalton,

N. B.—Some of the above petitioners having signed another petition, deem it proper to state their reasons for signing the above. They were anxious for a Chapter in the vicinity and readily signed the petition for Chelsea; afterwards learning that there would be a petition for a Chapter at Bethel and believing the Grand Chapter would not grant liberty to more than one place and would also wish to locate it where it would best accommodate and believing Randolph to be the most central, therefore sign the above.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont at their session to be holden in Rutland in said State on the 3d Wednesday of June, 5824.

We the subscribers, Companions of Regular Royal Arch Masons in said State, beg leave humbly to represent, that having the good of the fraternity at heart, and considering our local situation and the distance at which we reside from any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the Town of Royalton, in the County of Windsor, named White River Chapter. That in consequence of this desire we pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution to empower us to assemble as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner and according to the original form of the order and the regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

We have nominated and do recommend Stephen Cleaveland to be first High Priest, Joseph A. Curtis to be first King, Abial Austin to be first Scribe, of said Chapter; that if the prayer of said petition should be

granted we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the General, State and Grand Royal Arch Constitution.

Dated at Royalton, 14th day of May, A. D. 5824.

Stephen Cleaveland,	Abial Austin,
James Whitcomb,	Orl. Billings,
Joseph A. Curtis,	Asa Partridge,
Branch Whitcomb,	Rufus Copeland,
Abijah Burbank,	Allegiance Pierce.

Companions Haskins, Howes and Silas Bowen were appointed a committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were elected to the several offices annexed to their names respectively, to wit:

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand High Priest.
E. Martin Roberts,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. William Gookin,	Grand King.
E. Joseph Howes,	Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Rev. Henry Hunter,	Grand Chaplain.
" George Warren,	Grand Marshal.
" Stillman Blanchard,	Grand Visitor.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	Grand Stewards.
" John M. Weeks,	
" Barnabas Ellis,	
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Lectured on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

Called from labor to dispensation, and adjourned the Grand Royal Arch Chapter until five o'clock to-morrow morning.

Received from the hand of Companion John Nason the remainder of the fees for a Charter at Burlington, amounting to thirty-five dollars.

Paid the Grand Treasurer three hundred and sixty-five dollars, being all the moneys received at this communication.

Thursday Morning, June 17th, 1824.

Called to labor on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution altering the fees for advancement of candidates to the Mark Degree, made the following report:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:

Your Committee to whom was referred the within resolution, beg leave to report that in their opinion the amendment therein recommended ought to be adopted; and the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the several Chapters and Mark Lodges under their jurisdiction thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. COTTON for Committee.

Which was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Grand Treasurer and Secretary made the following report:

Rutland, June 17, 1824.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now sitting:

Your Committee appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, report that there was remaining in the treasury at the last settlement the sum of $769.49

The amount received by the Grand Treasurer since the last settlement previous to June 16, 1824, is the sum of 248.00

Amounting to $1,017.49

Deduct: paid Steward's bill,	$79.19	
" Miles W. Blanchard,	10.00	
" Tyler,	4.00	
" Rev. J. Clap,	25.00--	$118.19

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $899.30

Also in the hands of the Secretary last year,	$47.41
Deduct the Secretary's account,	40.25
Leaving in the hands of the Secretary,	$7.16

All which is respectfully submitted.

HANNIBAL HODGES, DANIEL BOWEN, HENRY M. NICHOLS, } Committee.

Accepted.

Companion George Warren introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter hold in grateful remembrance the long, arduous and useful labors of our late Excellent Nichols Goddard; and in consequence of the necessitous circumstances of his consort and children,

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Mrs. Goddard from the funds of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution for removing Windsor Royal Arch Chapter from Woodstock to East Windsor, made report in favor of said removal, which was accepted.

On motion, resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to investigate, together with Companions Lord and James Farnsworth, the subject of procuring a plate for striking diplomas.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a Royal Arch Chapter at Royalton, made report that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted, which was accepted.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting :

Your Committee to whom was referred the within petition, beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted: all which is respectfully submited.

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee.

On motion, ordered that the Secretary be authorized to correct and audit the Steward's bill.

The Committee to whom was referred the the petition for a Royal Arch Chapter at Randolph made report that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, which was accepted.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now in Session :

Your Committee to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report; that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted: all which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. COTTON, for Committee.

Companion Roberts introduced a resolution authorizing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to remove Temple Chapter, No. 4, from Arlington to Bennington, during the pleasure of this Grand Chapter, which was adopted.

Rev. Comp. Henry Hunter introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That two hundred copies of the proceedings of thisa nnual communication be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and distributed to the several officers of this Grand Chapter, Subordinate Chapters, and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, and to the several Grand Chapters throughout the United States; and also to the officers of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States; also a copy of the Constitution and the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Comp. Joel Clap introduced a resolution directing the Grand Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society thirty dollars for the purpose of constituting Rev. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain, a Life Member of said Society ; which was adopted.

On motion, voted that the Stewards be directed in future to pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars for music at any Annual Communication of this State Grand Chapter.

Companion Warren introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter and the sum of five dollars be presented to Mr. Increase Mosely for his services in preparing and performing sacred music for this Annual Communication.

Which was adopted.

Dispensed with Lectures on the seventh degree.

Dispensed with Lectures on fourth degree.

Voted that the Tyler be allowed four dollars for his services at this communication.

Comp. Warren introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to cite the officers and Companions of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 7, at Bradford, to show cause at the next communication of this Grand Chapter, why said Chapter has not been represented, and its dues paid at this communication.

Which was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter with respect to procuring a suitable plate for striking diplomas made report thereon, which was accepted, and referred to the next communication of this Grand Chapter.

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter now sitting :

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject matter betwixt Companions James Farnsworth and Benjamin Lord, concerning procuring a device to strike diplomas for this Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that in our opinion Companion Farnsworth acted with an understanding that he was appointed a Committee by the Chapter for that purpose. We therefore recommend that the Chapter accept the device, and that Companion Farnsworth be allowed fifty dollars for the same.

All of which is humbly submitted by

JABISH HUNTER for Committee.

On motion, voted that the note for twenty-one dollars against Companion Farnsworth, now in the hands of Companion Lord, be charged by the Grand Treasurer to, and become the property of this Grand Chapter.

Prayer by Comp. Rev. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 15th, 5825.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand High Priest.
E. Martin Roberts,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Josiah W. Hale,	as Grand King.
E. John Nason,	as Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. Henry Hunter,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. George Warren,	Grand Marshal.
" Stillman Blanchard,	Grand Visitor.
" John M. Weeks,	Grand Stewards.
" Whitman B. Haskins,	
" Barnabas Ellis,	
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by John Chipman.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Edward Eells,	Senior Warden.
John Hacket,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
George M. Foster,	Middlebury,	Oct. 28, 1824.
Allen Mills,	"	" "
John English,	"	Dec. 9, "
Harvey Goodrich,	"	" "
Ira Allen,	"	" "
Horace Heath,	"	Feby. 10, 1825.

Clark C. Cady,	New Haven,	Feby. 10, 1825.
Jeremiah Bradley,	"	April 14, "
Freeman Gates,	Shoreham,	" "
Rodney Pierce.	Salisbury,	June 9, "
Jacob Dewey,	Middlebury,	" "

Middlebury, June 11th, 1825.

JUSTUS FOOT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 4. Morning Star, Fairhaven, represented by Barnabas Ellis.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE WARREN,	Master.
ALONZO HOWE,	Senior Warden.
S. S. BOSWORTH,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Philip P. Cram,	Poultney,	Dec. 31. 1824.
Hiram W. Pond,	"	"
Daniel Hooker,	"	"

Poultney, June 14th, 1825.

APOLLOS SMITH, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by the Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH STOCKING,	Master.
CALVIN CHAPIN,	Senior Warden.
C. M. CHAMBERLIN,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Charles Saxton,	Weathersfield,	
Charles Sherwin,	"	Aug. 11, 1824.
Gibeon G. Russell,	"	" "
Jacob Washburn,	Cavendish,	" "
Abel Baldwin,	"	" "
John Burnham,	Windsor,	" "
Harry Shedd,	"	" "

Sewall Clement,	Weathersfield,	Nov. 25, 1824
Hiram Spafford,	"	" "
Seth Johnson,		" "
Joshua Aldrich,	Weathersfield,	May 11, 1825.
Abiel Person,	Reading,	" "
Sylvester Parkhurst,	Weathersfield,	" "
Jewell Boynton, Jr.,	"	" "
Benjamin Hitchcock,	"	" "
Simeon Hale,	Windsor,	" "
Francis Parker,	Cavendish,	" "
Benoni Buck,	Reading,	" "

Robert Bartlett, Hartland, affiliated Aug. 11, 1824.

Six candidates stand proposed, and becoming harmony exists throughout the Lodge.

Windsor, June 1, 1825.

LYMAN STOW, Secretary.

Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, not represented. Returns sent in, with dues.

OFFICERS.

LOVEL HEBARD,	Master.
NATHAN KIMBALL,	Senior Warden.
JAMES FIFIELD,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
John Dix,	Bethel,	Sept. 7, 1824.
James P. Cleveland,	"	Nov. 2, "
Edwin Pierce,	Royalton,	Jan. 4, 1825.
William Pierce,	"	" "
John Warren,	"	March 1, "
Arnau Babbitt,	Bethel,	May 3, "
Samuel Belcher,	Stockbridge,	" "

Bethel, June 11, 5825.

R. A. LAMB, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburgh, represented by John Nason.

OFFICERS.

Charles Gallup,	Master.
Austin Fuller,	Senior Warden.
Lyman Cushing,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Isaac Hill,	Fairfield,	Jan. 3, 1825.
Philip Bayley,	Fletcher,	" "
Napoleon B. Bowdish,	Fairfield,	Feb. 28, "
Thomas Skelton,	Enosburg,	May 30, "
Frederick Wood,	Berkshire,	" "

Franklin, June 10, 1825.

Wm. Barber, Secretary.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

Barzillai Davenport,	Master.
Seth Keeler,	Senior Warden.
Parley Enos,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Seth Clark,	Brandon,	Jan. 30, 1824.
Reuben Hibby, Jr.,	"	" "
Lyman Crossman,	"	" "
Esbon E. Lyon,	"	" "
Thomas W. Hyde,	Sudbury,	July 24, "
Crin Delano,	Brandon,	" "
Abiather Knapp,		Aug. 18, "
Alvin Merriam,	Orwell,	" "
Horace Bancroft,	Pittsford,	" "
Lyman Saunders,	Sudbury,	Sept. 15, "

Whitfield Walker,	Whiting,	Jan. 12, 1825.
Hubbard Carpenter,	"	March 16, "
Ira Young,	Orwell,	April 19, "
John Hall,	Sudbury,	" "
Mason Knappen,	"	" "
Joseph Warner,	"	" "
David Smith,	Leicester,	May 25, "

Brandon, June 13, 5825.

WARD E. HUNT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Chelsea, represented by Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

RALPH HOSFORD,	Master.
JOEL TINKHAM,	Senior Warden.
SAMUEL AUSTIN, Jr.,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Elisha Parkhurst,	Sharon,	Jany. 19, 1825.
Moses Lane,	Strafford,	Feby. 23, "
Henry M. Dodge,	Chelsea,	" "
Waitstill Smith,	Strafford,	May 18, "
Asahel Chamberlin,	"	" "
John Moore,	"	" "
Joseph S. Blaisdell,	"	" "

Chelsea, May 29, 5825.

DAVID MORRILL, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00

Lectured on Fourth Degree and closed Mark Lodge.

Opened on Seventh Degree in due and ancient form.

Called from labor to dispensation.

Procession formed under direction of Comp. George Warren Grand Marshal and proceeded to the Meeting-House where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

After dining at Comp. A. Gould's returned to the Hall, and called from dispensation to labor on the Seventh Degree.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

WHITMAN B. HASKINS,	High Priest.
JOHN PURDY,	King.
STILLMAN BLANCHARD,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Richard Gookin, Jr.,	Rutland,	July 13, 1824.	July 13, 1824.
Isaac Wheadon,	Pittsford,	" "	" "
Linus Mallory,	Poultney,		Sept. 14, "
Eleazer Lyman			" "
Samuel B. Spaulding,	Brandon,		" "
Samuel H. Purdy,			" "
Enoch Smith, Jr.,	Sudbury,		" "
George M. Kelley,			" "
James Barrett, Jr.,	Rutland,	Nov. 9, "	Nov. 9, "
Hiram Walkins,	"	"	" "
Eli Mekat,		"	" "
Harris W. Bates,	Fairhaven,		" "
Henry G. Neal,	Poultney,	March 8, "	March 8, "
Nathaniel Gould,	Rutland,	Jany. 9, 1825,	Jany. 9, 1825.
Freeman H. Mott,	Brandon,		" "
Samuel Bowell	"		" "
Luther Conant,	"		May 10, "
Sherman Kellogg,			June 14, "
Abiathar Knapp,	Brandon,		" "
Joseph Warner,	Sudbury,		" "
Rev. Geo. W. Coburn,			" "
Lyman Saunders,	Sudbury,		" "
Rev. Mason Knappin,	"		" "
Rev. Stephen S. Bosworth,			" "

Rutland, June 15, 5825.

R. C. ROYCE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $55.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St Albans, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

Asahel Langworthy,	High Priest.
John Nason,	King.
Charles Gallup,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Robert L. Paddock,	Swanton,	Sept. 21, 1824,	Feby. 15, 1825.
Isaac Hill,	Fairfield,		" "
Harley B. Sanderson,	Swanton,		" "
Chester Abell,	Fairfield,	March 15, 1825.	
Jasper Curtis,	St. Albans,	June 8, "	

St. Albans, June 11, 5825.

Jeduthan Spooner, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Philip C. Tucker,	High Priest.
Horace M. Nichols,	King.
John B. Hollenbeck,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Charles Linsley,	Middlebury,	June 14, 1824,	June 14, 1824.
Thomas C. Smith,	Monkton,	May 17, "	" "
Rev. Alexander Lovell,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Phileman Olvard,	Waltham,	June 14, "	
Urial Downey,	"	" "	
Edward Sutton,	Vergennes,		" "
Wait Squire, Jr.,	New Haven,	May 17, "	" "
Isaac Loomis,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Charles Boin,	Middlebury,		Sept. 20, "
Hibbard Cook,	New Haven,	Sept. 20, "	" "
Jeremiah Barton,	Charlotte,	" "	" "
Marvin Leonard,	Hinesburgh,	" "	

George S. Ferris,	Hinesburgh,	Nov. 17, 1824,	Jany. 17, 1825.
Mathew Noble,	Bradford,	Jany.	" "
George E. Seymour,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Benajah Webster,	"	March 21, "	April 18, "
Walter M. Ferris,	Hinesburgh,	" "	March 21, "
John Hoton,	Middlebury,		" "
Harvey S. Goodrich,	"		" "
William Cummins,	"		" "
Allen Mills,	New Haven,		" "
Daniel Collins,	Monkton,	April 18, "	
Calvin Willey,	Willsboro, N. Y.,	" "	
Ira Allen.	Middlebury,		May 16, "
Horace Heath,	"		" "
Michael Kingman,	Bridport,	May 16, "	
John T. Shurtliff,	Middlebury,	" "	
Charles Noble,	Elizabethtown,	" "	" "
Ebenezer Bush,	Shoreham,	" "	" "
Calvin Solace,	Bridport,	" "	" "
Millen Stowell,	Middlebury,	" "	" "

Vergennes, May 15, 5825.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $63.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Arlington, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

ZACCHEUS HOVEY,	High Priest.
ELIJAH POWELL,	King.
NATHAN BOWEN,	Scribe.

Arlington, June 4, 5825.

BENJAMIN F. RALEIGH, Secretary.

No work. No dues.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JEDUTHAN LOOMIS,	High Priest.
SYLVANUS BALDWIN,	King.
JOHN REID,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John Orcutt,	Randolph,		July 7, 1824.
Waldo W. Ingals,	Brookfield,		" "
Samuel B. French,	Randolph,		" "
Reuben Peck,	Brookfield,		" "
Jesse Averill,	Northfield,	Oct. 19, 1824,	Oct. 22, "
Hezekiah H. Rew,	Montpelier,	" "	" "
D. Azro A. Buck,	Chelsea,		" "
Alphonzo Rice,	Northfield,	Nov. 2, "	
Jarius Stebbins,	Westfield,		Nov. 3, "
Phineas Olds,	Williamstown,		March 2, 1825.
Alden Palmer,	Montpelier,	May 4, 1825.	

Montpelier, June 11, 5825.

Attest, JEDUTHAN LOOMIS, High Priest for Secretary.

Dues paid, $22.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. COTTON,	High Priest.
JABESH HUNTER,	King.
JOSEPH FARWELL,	Scribe.

Name.	Exalted.
Russell Buck,	March 2, 1825.
Seth Johnson,	" "
Jacob Washburn,	May 18, "
O. N. Dana,	" "
Robert Bartlett,	" "

Windsor, June 6, 5825.

ISAAC W. HUBBARD, Secretary.

Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by Napthali Shaw.

OFFICERS.

George W. Prichard, High Priest.
Asa Lowe, King.
Elisha May, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
David Culver,	Lyme, N. H.,	June 8, 1824,	June 8, 1824.
Isaac Farrington,	Fairlee, Vt.,	Nov. 9, "	Nov. 9, "
Willlam R. Andrus,	Orford, N. H.,	" "	" "
Moulton S. Mory,	Fairlee, Vt.,	" "	" "
Joseph H. Worthen,	Bradford, Vt.,	Jany. 11, 1825,	Feby. 8, 1825.
Horace Strickland,	"	March 8, "	March 8, "
Phineas Bailey,	Fairlee,		

Dr. John Brown of Thetford suspended indefinitely, Jan. 11, 1825.

Bradford, June 4, 5825.

Charles B. Clark, Secretary.

Dues paid, $21.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, not represented.

Returns sent in with dues.

OFFICERS.

Artemas Robbins, High Priest.
David W. Sanborn, King.
William W. Williams, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Rufus Green,	Wilmington,	May 19, 1824,	Jany. 19, 1825.
Humphrey Miller,	"	" "	" "
Arad Taylor,	Newfane,	" "	" "
William Perry,	Brookline,	Jany. 19, 1825,	May 18, "
Philo Hall,	Brattleboro,	" "	" "

Brattleboro, June 1, 5825.

Henry Clark, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 10. Social Chapter, represented by Companion Robinson.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Wright, Jr.,	High Priest.
Raymond Hodgkiss,	King.
Andrus Eggleston,	Scribe.

Pawlet, June 10, 1825.

Jonathan Robinson, Secretary.

No work. No dues.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Elijah Cleveland,	High Priest.
Nathan Haseltine,	King.
Ebenezer Peck,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John Armington,	St. Johnsbury,	July 13, 1824,	July 13, 1824.
William Kelley,	Lyndon,	Oct. 11, "	Oct. 11, "
Roswell Cheney,	"	" "	" "
John Holbrook,	Waterford,	" "	" "
Sylvanus Haskell,	Lyndon,	Nov. 9, "	Nov. 9, "
William Somerby,	"	Jan. 4, 1825,	March 16, 1825.
Oren Scott,	Craftsbury,	" "	Jan. 6, "
Thomas C. Peirce,		" "	" "
Brigham Pike,	Waterford,	March 8, "	
Stephen Hopkins,	Peacham,	16, "	March 16, "
Fry Abbott,	"	" "	" "
Franklin Fenton,	"	" "	" "
John Kelsey,	Danville,	" "	" "
Josiah Shedd,	Peacham,	May 3, "	May 3, "
Zebina Newell,	"	" "	" "
Abel Edgel,	Lyndon,	" "	" "

Danville, May 21, 1825.

J. W. Nab, Secretary.

Dues paid, $46.00.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, not represented and no returns.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph, represented by Jacob K. Parish, High Priest and Lorin Griswold proxy for Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Jacob K. Parish,	High Priest.
Z. P. Burnham,	King.
Joseph A. Curtis,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Dudley Chase,	Randolph,	Aug. 12, 1824.	Aug. 12, 1824.
Daniel Parish,	"	" "	"
Joseph Edson,	"	" "	"
Oramel Partridge,	"	" "	" 13, "
Seth Washburn,	"	" "	" "
Ebenezar Colburne,	"		" "
Asa Story,	"	Aug. 13, "	Sept. 2, "
Samuel Ford,	"	" "	" "
Thomas Wilber,	"	" "	Jany. 6, 1825.
Julius Converse,	"		Sept. 2, 1824.
John Orcutt,	"		
Reuben Kibbee,	"		Oct. 7, "
Lovel Hibard,	Royalton,		" "
Joseph Brown,	Chelsea,		" "
William Carley,	Randolph,		Nov. 4, "
Elijah Amedon,	"	Nov. 4, "	" "
B. L. Cotton,	Bethel,		" "
James Fifield,	"		" "
Kittredge Havens,	"		" "
James P. Cleaveland,	"		" "
Samuel B. French,	Randolph,		" "
Loren Griswold,	"	Dec. 9, "	Jany. 6, 1825.
William Sawyer,	Bethel,		Dec. 9, 1824.
Calvin Buckman,	"		" "
Samuel Brown,	"		" "
Reuben A. Lamb,	"		" "
Abijah Lincoln,	Royalton,		" "
Mason P. Mills,	Rochester,		" "

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John French, Jr.,	Randolph,		Jany. 6, 1825.
Elisha Allis, Jr.,	Brookfield,		" "
Richard Kimball,	Randolph,		" "
Alva Simons,	Williamstown,		" "
Waldo W. Ingals,	Brookfield,		
Charles Brackett,	Randolph,	Jany. 6, 1825,	Feby. 3, "
John G. Dow,		" "	March 3, "
Selah Benton,	Brookfield,	Feby. 3, "	Feby. 3, "
Avery Jackson,	Randolph,	" "	" "
John H. Kimball,	"		" "
Walter Burnham,	Brookfield,		" "
Asa Howe,	Williamstown,	March 3, "	March 3, "
Chauncy Smith,	"	" "	" "
Robert Cram.	Roxbury,	" "	June 2, "
Samuel Carley,	Royalton,		March 3, "
I. F. Austin,	Tunbridge,		" "
Reuben Kibbee,	Brandon,		" "
John Moulton,	Randolph,	March 21, "	March 21, "
Oren Edson,	"	" "	April 7, "
Oramel Williams,	"	" "	March 21, "
Shubel Wales,	"	March 3, "	" "
William Smith,	"	" "	April 7, "
Bowman Hyde,	"	April 7, "	" "
Francis Dow,	"	" "	May 5, "
Samuel L. Adams,	Brookfield,		April 7, "
Samuel W. Davis,	"		" "
Dauiel Williams,	Randolph,		" "
Moses Pearsons,	"	May 5, "	June 2, "
Edmund Weston,	"	" "	
Nathan Kimball,	Royalton,		May 5, "
Seth I. Austin,	Tunbridge,		" "
David Warren,	Rochester,		" "
Coit Parkhurst,	Royalton,		" "
Edwin Pierce,	"		" "
Job Bennett,	Randolph,	June 2, "	June 2, "
John Coy,	Royalton,	" "	" "
Harry Lampson,	Randolph,	" "	" "
Gideon Bingham,	Royalton,		" "
Pattin Davis,	Bethel,		" "

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Charles Green,	Bethel,		June 2, 1851.
William Pierce,	Royalton,		" "
Rufus Wilson,	Bethel,		Juhe 11, "
Ralph Hosford,	Strafford,		" "

Randolph, June 13, 5825.

JOHN ORCUTT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $163.00.

Most Excellent Lemuel Whitney, Grand High Priest, made the following report :

"At Burlington, in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont, on the 12th day of August, A. L. 5824, Burlington Chapter, No. 12, was by me, with the assistance of the Companions, constituted in ample form, and the officers thereof duly installed.

LEMUEL WHITNEY, Grand High Priest."

"At Randolph, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, on the 13th day of June, A. L. 5825, Randolph Chapter, No. 13, was by me, with the assistance of the Companions, constituted in ample form, and the officers thereof duly installed.

LEMUEL WHITNEY, Grand High Priest."

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest Lemuel Whitney, having declined a re-election, the following officers were duly chosen for the ensuing year, Companions Bowen, Davenport and Tucker being a Committee to sort and count the votes :

M. E. JOHN H. COTTON,	Windsor,	Grand High Priest.
E. JOEL CLAP,	Sheldon,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HANNIBAL HODGES,	Clarendon,	Grand King.
E. NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d,	Bradford,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Rutland,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOEL GREEN,	"	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. HENRY HUNTER,	Clarendon,	Grand Chaplain.
" GEORGE WARREN,		Grand Marshal.
" STILLMAN BLANCHARD,		Grand Visitor.
" BARNABAS ELLIS,		Grand Stewards.
" GEORGE W. DANIELS,		
" JAMES BARRETT, Jr.,		
" BARNABAS ELLIS,		Grand Sentinel.
" JOHN COBB,		Grand Tyler.

Companions Cotton, Bowen and Newell were appointed a Committee to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the Rev. Henry Hunter, for his excellent discourse this day delivered, and also to present him with the sum of twenty dollars from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Companions Bowen, Roberts and Lord were appointed a Committee to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Lemuel Whitney, for the able and impartial manner with which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest.

Companion Warren presented a petition for a Chapter at Sudbury, which was received and referred to Companions Chapman, Shaw and Parish.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petition of the subscribers respectfully sheweth that they are members of just and perfect Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; that having the prosperity of the Royal Arch at heart they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the order: that for the convenience of their respective dwellings, (being situated from 16 to 30 miles from a Chapter,) and for other good reasons they are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the town of Sudbury, to be named Farmer's Chapter, with the power of opening and closing Most Excellent Past and Mark Master Masons Lodges vested with the powers usually delegated to Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; that in consequence of their desire they pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Dispensation or Costitution, empowering them to assemble as a legal Chapter to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner; that they have nominated and do recommend S. S. Church to be the first High Priest, Barzillai Davenport the first King, and Wait Branch the first Scribe of said Chapter, and that if the prayer of said petition should be granted they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State.

Barnard Ketcham,
Wait Branch,
John Kellogg,
Paul Field,
J. W. Sawyer,
Asa Blackman,
Jesse Parkhill,
Sherman Kellogg.
Enoch Smith,
S. S. Church,
Joseph Warner,
Lyman Saunders,
Mason Knappen,
B. Davenport,
Isaac Wheadon,

Rutland, June 14, 5825.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, now in session:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions, for a Chapter to be holden at Sudbury, beg leave to report that as they lack the approbation of the nearest Chapter, and until the same is procured the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

JOHN CHIPMAN,
NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d, } Committee.
JACOB PARISH,

On motion of Companion Haskins the thanks of this Grand Chapter and five dollars were presented Brother Mokly for his services in preparing and performing sacred music.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary made a report, from which it appears that there

is in the hands of the Treasurer,	$999.08
Also in the hands of the Secretary,	29.91
Amounting in the whole to	$1028.99

The following petition for the removal of Orange Mark Lodge, No. 14, from Chelsea to Strafford, was granted.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, at their session to be holden at Rutland in said State on the third Wednesday of June instant.

We, the subscribers, (Mark Masons) beg leave to represent to the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont,

that it is our wish to have an order to remove Orange Mark Lodge, No. 14, now located at Chelsea, Vermont, to Strafford, in the County of Orange. We are of the opinion that it would be for the benefit of Masonry, and hope the prayer hereof will be granted us.

John Stearns,	Ralph Hosford,
Nathan Morrill,	Josiah Dana,
John Sabin,	Thomas Winslow,
Chase Dow,	Joseph Brown,
Cyril Chandler,	Levi Fullam,
Joseph Barrett,	Ephraim Hatch,
Daniel Morrill,	Joel Tinker,
John Kent,	D. Azro A. Buck,
Nathan Young,	David Hatch,
Saamuel Austin, Jr.,	David Morrill,
Joseph Morrill,	F. Smith, Jr.

Chelsea, June 6, 1825,

On motion of Companion Haskins the Stewards have authority to use their discretion in the future with regard to the expediency of procuring music, not however to exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Companion Bowen a donation of thirty dollars.

Paid the Grand Treasurer five hundred and twenty-three ($523.00) dollars.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont was closed in due and ample form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter the petitioners for a Chapter at Sudbury secured the consent of Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, at Rutland, as follows:

Rutland, Sept. 13, 5821.

The within petition after having been acted upon by the members of R. A. C. No. 1, was voted that said Chapter have the approbation of said R. A. C. No. 1, to grant said petition.

R. Gookin, Jr., Secretary. *P. T.*

W. B. Haskins, High Priest.

And the following letter from the Grand High Priest, was received.

Montpelier, Oct. 13, 1825.

Comp. J. Green, Dear Sir :—You will recollect at the sitting of our last Grand Chapter a petition was presented before the Grand Chapter, praying for a new Chapter to be located at Sudbury. I remember a resolution was had upon the petition that the approbation of Green Mountain Chapter should first be obtained, and perhaps something more was required, of this your records will show. Should it appear that the petitioners have complied with the requisitions of the Grand Chapter, I will thank you to make out a Letter of Dispensation forthem agreable to their petition to work until our next annual meeting and place my signature to it, and this shall be your warranty for so doing.

I remain dear sir your friend and humble servant.

John H. Cotton, Grand High Priest.

After which a dispensation was issued, dated Nov. 1825.

Attest, Joel Green, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter and opened on the Fourth Degree at Masons Hall, Rutland, Wednesday, June 21, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT.

R. W. John H. Cotton,	Master.
W. Joel Clap,	Senior Warden.
W. Naphtali Shaw, 2nd.,	Junior Warden.
B. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
B. Joel Green,	Secretary.
B. John Purdy,	Master Overseer.
B. George W. Daniels,	Senior Overseer.
B. James Barrett, Jr.,	Junior Overseer.
B. John Cobb,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Excellent and Rev. Comp. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges were called on to make their returns.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by Lorin B. Fillmore.

OFFICERS.

Charles Lindsley,	Master.
A. H. M. Nichols,	Senior Warden.
Lorin B. Fillmore,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
George Cleveland,	Middlebury,	Aug. 11, 1825.
Jonathan Allen,	"	" 29, "
David P. Nash,		Jan. 3, 1826.
Darius Dickinson,	"	April 17, "
William Spencer,	"	June 8, "

Middlebury, June 20, 1826.

George Chipman, Secretary.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Barbanas Ellis.

OFFICERS.

George Warner,		Master .
Alonzo How,		Senior Warden.
Stephen S. Bosworth,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
John Root,	Benson,	Oct. 21, 1825.
Aziel Barnes,	"	" "
Alanson Todd,	Poultney,	" "
Alfred Standish,	Benson,	" "
Oliver Meranvill,	Fairhaven,	Feb. 17, 1826.
John P. Ransom,	Poultney,	April 21, "
Ammon Bailey,	"	June 16, "

Fairhaven, June 17, 1826.

John Parkhill, Secretary.

Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Worshiptul Master.

OFFICERS.

Thomas F. Hammond,		Master.
C. M. Chamberlin,		Senior Warden.
Asa Cummins,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
William C. Dodge,	Hartland,	Aug. 1825.
James Smith, Jr.,	Cavendish,	" 10, "
Thomas F. Hammond,	Reading,	" "
John Hicks,	Weathersfield,	" "
Ebenezer Sartell,	"	Nov. 9, "
John Holmes,	Springfield,	" "
James Chipman,	"	" "
Cyrus Houghton,	Windsor,	" "
Josiah Brown,	Hartland,	" "
Charles. E. Colston,	"	Feby. 8, 1826.
Joseph Woodbury,	"	" "
Wyman Spooner,	Windsor,	" "
James Lovell,	Springfield,	" "
Samuel Larnard,	Weathersfield,	" "

Josiah K. Skinner,	Reading,	May 10, 1826.
Joseph Daniels,	Hartland,	" "
Daniel Smith, Jr.,	"	" "

Windsor, May 10, 1826.

LYMAN STOW, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by James Fifield, S. W.

OFFICERS.

LOVEL HEBARD,	Master.
JAMES FIFIELD,	Senior Warden.
SAMUEL B. BOWEN,	Junior Warden.

Name,	Residence.	Advanced.
Mills May,	Bethel,	Sept. 7, 1825.
Jasper Buckham,	"	March 7, 1826.
Daniel Wallace,	"	" "

Bethel, June 16, 1826.

R. A. LAMB, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburg, not represented.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, not represented.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, represented by Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

RALPH HOSFORD,	Master.
JOHN MOORES,	Senior Warden.
FREDERICK SMITH, Jr.,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
David Dow,	Strafford,	July 20, 1825.
Isaac Smith,	"	" "
Elijah Day,	"	" "
George W. Smith, 2d,	"	" "
David K. Dustin,	"	" "
George W. Alger,	"	" "
Raymond Hale,	"	" "
True Rand,	"	" "
Philip Judd,	"	Aug. 10, "
Tim. Boutwell,	"	" "
George W. Smith,	"	" "
Jacob H. Morrill,	"	" "
Asahel Dow,	"	" "
Hosea B. May,	Sharon,	17, "
Presbury West, Jr.,	Thetford,	" "
Aaron Alger,	Strafford,	" "
Samuel McMaster,	"	30, "
John P. Hale,	Salisbury, N. H.,	" "
Samuel Richardson,	Thetford,	" "
Abner Graves,	Strafford,	" "
Jacob Blaisdell,	"	" "
Ward Corser,	Thetford,	" "
James Hyde,	Strafford,	March 15, 1826.
Enoch Hoyt,	Tunbridge,	" "
Henry Chamberlin,	Strafford,	May 17, "

Strafford, June 19, 1826.

DAVID MORRILL, Secretary.

Dues paid, $25.00.

No. 15. Lamoille Mark Lodge, Fairfax, not represented.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Fourth Degree. Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Joel Clap,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Grand King.
E. Napthali Shaw, 2d,	Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. Henry Hunter,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Joseph Edson,	as Grand Marshal.
" Stillman Blanchard,	Grand Visitor.
" George W. Daniels,	Grand Stewards.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" Barnabas Ellis,	Grand Stewards.
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel.

Together with the representatives of the following-named Chapters:

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

Whitman B. Haskins,	High Priest.
John Purdy,	King.
Stillman Blanchard,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Henry S. Smith,	Rutland,	Sept. 8, 1825,	Sept. 8, 1825.
James McKean,	Castleton,	Nov. 8, "	Nov. 8, "
Alanson Todd,	Poultney,		May 9, 1826.
George W. Wright,	Clarendon,	May 9, 1826,	" "

Rutland, June 15, 1826.

Richard Gookin, Jr., Secretary.

Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

John Nason,	High Priest.
Jonathan Berry,	King.
Cornelius Wood,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Charles W. Wetmore,	St. Albans,	June 21, 1825,	June 21, 1825.
Zoroaster Fisk,	Swanton,	" "	" "
Jasper Curtis,	St. Albans,	" "	" "
Jesse Carpenter,	Highgate,	Sept. 20, "	" "
Thomas Child,	Bakersfield,	" "	Sept. 20, "
Philip Bayley,	Fletcher,	" "	" "
Oliver Dutton,	Fairfax,	" "	" "
Luther L. Dutcher,	St. Albans,	" 29, "	Nov. 15, "
James W. Gates,	"	" "	" "
Charles Meigs,	Morristown,	" "	" "
Daniel Meigs,	Swanton.	Oct. 18, "	" "
Joseph Parmalee,	Fairfax,	" "	" "
David Read,	St. Albans,	" "	" "
Horace Livingston,	"	Nov. 15, "	Jan. 17, 1826.
Ebenezer H. Dorman,	Swanton,	Dec. 20, "	" "
George M. Caldwell,	Kelleyvale,	Jan. 17, 1826,	" "
Alvah Dutton,	Fairfax,	" "	" "
Nicholas M. Holt,	"	" "	" "
Decius R. Bogue,	Georgia,	Feb. 21, "	Feb. 21, "
Simeon Parmalee,	Westford,	" "	" "
Frederick A. Woodworth,	Berkshire,	" "	" "
William R. Neil,	St. Albans,	March 21, "	" "
Laban Fairbanks,	Georgia,	Apr. " "	" "
Hiram Eaton,	St. Albans,	" "	" "
Heman Green,	"	May 16, "	" "

St. Albans, June 16, 1826.

JASPER CURTIS, Secretary.

Dues paid, $45.00.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by Hon. S. Haight.

OFFICERS.

PHILIP C. TUCKER, st.
GEORGE CHIPMAN, King.
HENRY HEWETT, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Calvin Selan,	Bridport,	May 16, 1825,	May 16, 1825.
Ebenezer Bush,	Shoreham,	" "	" "
Millen Stowell,	Middlebury,	" "	" "
John T. Shurtliff,	"	" "	" "
Charles Noble,	Westport, N.Y.,	" "	" "
Calvin Willey,	New Haven,	May 16, 1825.	
Jeremiah Stickney,	Westport, N. Y.,	" "	
Mitchel Kingman,	Bridport,	" "	" "
James Fletcher,	"	July 18, "	July 18, "
Rev. Henry Boynton,	Bristol,	Sept. 19, "	Sept. 19, "
Horatio Neadham,	"	" "	" "
Ezekiel V. Dunton,	"	" "	" "
William L. Varney,	Hinesburgh,	" "	" "
Moses F. Wheeler,	New Haven,	Nov. 21, "	Nov. 21, "
Hiram Fisher,	Waltham,	" "	" "
Truman Pingre,	"	Jan. 16, 1826,	Jan. 16, 1826.
Calvin Squier,	New Haven,	" "	" "
Adam Thorp,	Bridport,	" "	" "
A. W. Sabin,	Moriah, N. Y.,	" "	" "
John Catlin,	Bridport,	" "	" "
Ziba Gifford,	New Haven,		Mar. 20, "
Heman Long,	Bridport,	Mar. 20, "	" "
Mathew Noble,	"		" "
John B. Cummins,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Jehial Farr,	Bridport,	" "	" "
Joseph F. Wilder,	"	" "	" "
Luther Cory,	"	May 15, "	May 15, "
John Bacon,	Monkton,	" "	" "
Isaac Sherwood,	"	" "	" "

Vergennes, May 15, 1826.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $76.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Arlington, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

MARTIN ROBERTS, High Priest.
NATHAN BOWEN, King.
LORIN DEAN, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Henry Kellogg,	Bennington,	Sept. 22, 1825.
Hiland Hall,	"	" "
Truman Hendry,	"	" "
David Wilds,	"	" "
Jothaniel French,	"	" "
David Galusha,	Sunderland,	May 18, 1826.

Arlington, June 13, 1826.

JULIUS BEEBE, Secretary

Dues paid $6.00.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Timothy Hubbard.

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL GOSS, High Priest.
SYLVANUS BALDWIN, King.
NATHAN JEWETT, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Isaac W. Marsh,	Stowe,	July 27, 1825.	
John E. Palmer,	Barre,	Oct. 21, "	Nov. 4, 1825.
John Lord,	"	" "	Oct. 28, "
Alden Palmer,	Montpelier,		Nov. 4, "
Adolphus Thurston,	Barre,	Nov. 23, "	Jan. 25, 1826.
Samuel French,	"	" "	" "
David Leach,	"		" "
Aaron Rood,	"	May 24, 1826.	May 24, "
Martin Keith,	"		" "
Ezra Jones, Jr.,	Waitsfield,	Mar. 22, "	" "
William Billings,	Montpelier,	" "	Mar. 27, "
Nathan Huntley,	Duxbury,	" "	" "

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. COTTON, High Priest.
JABESH HUNTER, King.
JOSEPH FAREWELL, Scribe,

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Isaac Gregory,	Windsor,		Aug. 18, 1825.
Darius Parkhurst,	Weathersfield,		Dec. 28, "
William C. Dodge,	Hartland,		" "
Henry Caine,	Windsor,	Dec. 28, 1825.	" "
John H. Donoghue,	"	Feb. 15, 1826,	Feb. 15, 1826.
Hiram Spafford,	Weathersfield,		" "
Oliver W. Lund,	Cornish,	May 17, "	
Samuel Catterson,	Windsor,	" "	

Windsor, June 17, 1826.

WILLIAM DONOGHUE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

NAPHTALI SHAW, 2d, High Priest.
ELISHA MAY, King.
CALVIN JEWELL, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Epaphras B. Chase,	Bradford,	June 14, 1825,	June 14, 1825.
Eleazer Hovey,	Newbury,	" "	" "
Rufus L. Harvey,	"	" "	Jan. 10, 1826.
David Palmer,	Thetford,		Aug. 9, 1825.
Charles Baker,	Haverhill, N.H.,	Jan. 10, 1826,	" "
Bryan Morse,	"	Feb. 14, "	Feb. 14, 1826.
William Ladd,	"	" "	" "
Ezekiel Little,	Bradford.	Mar. 7, "	Mar. 7, "
Sylvester L. Goss,	Haverhill, N.H.,	" "	" "
Isaac Cummings,	Newbury,	" "	" "
James D. Enos,	Augusta.	Apr. 11, "	Apr. 11, "
Clark Kent,	Newbury,	May 9, "	" "
Jehiel Downer,	"	" "	" "
Edward B. Rollins,	Strafford,		May 9, "

Bradford, June 17, 1826.

HORACE STRICKLAND, Secretary.

Dues paid, $41.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

ARTEMAS ROBBINS, High Priest.
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, King.
ASA KEYES, 2d, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
David Partridge,	Putney,	Sept. 21, 1825.	
William Veing,	"	Jan. 18, 1826.	
George Robertson,	"	" "	March 15, 1826.

Brattleboro, June 1, 1826.

HENRY CLARK, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, not represented.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

MILTON BROWN, High Priest.
ZERA F. WRIGHT, King.
RETURN STRONG, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jonathan Randall,	Pawlet,	Dec. 19, 1825,	Feby. 20, 1826.
Walter Strong,	"	" "	" "
James H. Willard,	"	Feby. 20, 1826.	
David G. McClure,	Granville, N.Y.,	June 19, "	June 19, "
Merritt Clark,	Middletown,	" "	" "
Jacob Lyon,	Danby,	" "	

Pawlet, June 19, 1826.

JONATHAN ROBINSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JOSIAH SHEDD, High Priest.
NATHANIEL HAZELTINE, King.
EBENEZER PECK, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Halsey Riley,	Lyndon,	July 5, 1825,	July 5, 1825.
John Weeks,	Danville,	" "	" "
Samuel Warner,	Hardwick,		" "
Benjamin F. Weeks,	Danville,	Aug. 2, "	Aug. 2, "
Elijah M. Davis,	Barnet,	" "	" "
Ebenezer Ireson,	Cabot,	" "	" "
Ebenezer Eastman,	Danville,	" 30, "	" 30, "
John Chase,	Wheelock,	Dec. 27, "	Dec. 27, "
Daniel Pike,	Waterford,	" "	" "
Oran Brown,	Hardwick,	" "	" "
James Bell,	Walden,	" "	" "
Alphonso Warren,	Hardwick,	" "	" "
Brigham Pike,	Waterford,		" "
Alphonso Houghton,	Lyndon,	Feb. 28, 1826,	Feb. 28, 1826.
George B. Shaw,	Danville,	" "	" "
Chauncey Richardson,		" "	" "
Ebenezer Damon,	Sutton,	April 25, "	April 25, "
Hiram Lamb,	Lyndon,	" "	" "
Darius Harvey,	Barnet,	" "	" "
Roswell Putnam,	St. Johnsbury,	" "	" "
Justus Spaulding,		" "	" "

Danville, June 14, 1826.

JOHN KELSEY, Secretary.

Dues paid, $61.00.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

JOEL CLAP, High Priest.
NATHAN B. HASWELL, King.
DAVID RUSSELL, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Brigham C. Wright,	Hinesburgh,	July 13, 1824,	July 13, 1824.
Bird H. Landon,	South Hero,	" 27, "	
Charles Perrigo,	"	" "	
Franklin Robinson,	"	" "	

David A. Murray,	Williston,	Jan. 4, 1825,	June 14, 1825.
Rev. Robert Hastings,	Essex,	" "	
John Bates,	Williston,	Feby. 15, "	
Ansell Allen,	"	" "	
Dan Arnold,	"	" "	
Daniel Patrick, Jr.,	Hinesburgh,	March 22, "	Jan. 11, "
Orrin Murray,	"	" "	" "
Henry Lee,	Williston,	" "	
William B. Munson,	Colchester,	Aug. 17, "	
John Wright,	Hinesburgh,	Nov. 9, "	
Apollos Smith,	Williston,	" "	
Solon Allen,	"	" "	Jan. 11, 1826.
Nicholas M. Holt,	Burlington,	" "	
Alvan Wooster,	"	Dec. 14, "	
Julius Smith,	"	Jan. 11, 1826.	
Eliphalet Miner,	Williston,	Feby. 8, "	
Robert White,	Shelburne,		May 20, "
Rev. Truman Seymour,	Burlington,	April 13, "	" "
Jacob Davis,	Affiliated,		July 6, 1824.
Elias Coon,	"		" "
Erastus D. Hubbell,	"		Nov. 2, "

Burlington, May 24, 1826.

JAMES LUCIUS SAWYER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $35.00.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph, represented by Scribe, and Ralph Hosford.

OFFICERS.

ZEBULON P. BURNHAM, High Priest.
ASA PARTRIDGE, King.
JOSEPH EDSON, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
George W. Alger,	Strafford,		Aug. 25, 1825.
George W. Smith,	"		" "
Jonathan Frary,	"		" "
Edmund Weston,	Randolph,		Sept. 1, "
Henry Boyce,	Roxbury,		" "
William S. Shepard,	Randolph,		" "

Phineas Pierce,	Royalton,	Oct. 27, 1825,	Dec. 29, "
Rufus Hutchinson,	Braintree,	Dec. 29, "	" "
Isaac Reed,	Randolph,	Jan. 26, 1826.	
Luther Rice,	Stockbridge,	" ".	Jan. 26, 1826.
William Bingham,	Royalton,	" "	" "
Seth Allen,	"	" "	" "
Luther Bugbee,	Stowe,		Feb. 26, "
William S. Beckett,	Williamstown,		" "
Curtis Cleveland,	Royalton,		" "
Loren Martin,	Williamstown,	Feb. 23, "	Feb. 23, "
Thomas J. Davis,	Bethel,	" "	" "
Austin Bradford,	Hancock,	Mar. 2, "	Mar. 2, "
Levi Boutwell,	Strafford,		" "
David Morrill,	"		" "
Avery Hawley,	Hancock,		Mar. 23, "
Joshua P. Burnham,	Williamstown,		" "
Saul S. Stevens,	Chelsea,	Mar. 23, "	" "
Horace Spalding,	Williamstown,	Apr. 20, "	Apr. 20, "
Ebenezer Brackett,	Randolph,	" "	" "

Randolph, June 16, 1826.

EDMUND WESTON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $61.00.

No. 14. Farmers' Chapter, Sudbury, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

S. S. CHURCH, High Priest.
B. DAVENPORT, King.
W. BRANCH, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Daniel G. Horton,	Hubbardton,	Jany. 5, 1826,	Mar. 9, 1826.
Aaron P. Ketcham,	Sudbury,	" "	" 30, "
James Pease,	"	"26, "	" "
Harry I. Horton,	Hubbardton,	" "	" 9, "
Lemuel Standish,	Benson,	" "	
John Aiken,	"	" "	

Daniel Barber,	"	Feby. 16, 1826,	May 11, 1826.
Chauncey R. Walker,	"	Mar. 9, "	Mar. 9, "
Reuben Webb,	Hubbardton,	" "	" "
Willis Abel,	Orwell,	" "	" "
Azial Barnes,	Benson,	" "	" "
Esbon E. Lyon,	Brandon,	" "	" "
Thomas Davenport,	"	" "	" "
Joseph H. Chittenden,	Orwell,	" 30, "	" 30, "
Horace Cobb,	"	" "	" "
Thomas W. Hyde,	Sudbury,	" "	" "
Whitefield Walker,	Whiting,	" "	" "
Bishop Bottom,	Orwell,	" "	April 20, "
Roswell Bottom,	"	" "	May 11, "
Ira Young,	"	" "	" "
Edward S. Bascom,	"	June 1, "	June 1, "
Myron W. C. Wright,	Shoreham,		" "
Alfred Standish,	Benson,	" "	" "
Philip C. Brookens,	Shoreham,	May 11, "	" "
Jonathan Wright,	"	" "	" "
Benjamin Pardy,	Orwell.	" "	" "

Sudbury, June 21, 1826.

WHITEFIELD WALKER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $55.00.

On motion of Companion Strong,

Resolved, That in future no moneys be received by the Grand Secretary for dues but such as are current.

On motion,.

Resolved, That the request of Farmers' Chapter, for a Charter, together with their letter of dispensation and petition, be referred to Companions Silas Bowen, Edson and Hewitt.

Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky received and referred, together with all the communications from the several States, to the Hon. Charles K. Williams and Stephen Haight, Companions George Chipman, Peck and Newell.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Seventh Degree.

Procession formed under the direction of Companion Joseph Edson, Grand Marshal, P. T., which proceeded to the meeting-house, where an excellent discourse was delivered by the Excellent and Rev. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

After dinner at Companion Abel Page's, returned to the Hall, and called from dispensation to labor on the Seventh Degree.

Lectured on the Fourth Degree. Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

Companions Robbins, Clap and Shaw, appointed a Committee on the subject of the neglect of Washington Chapter, No. 9, to be represented the last two years.

On motion of Companion Stephen Haight,

Resolved, That a resolution adopted June 5th, A. L. 5823, declaring that this Chapter ought not to provide entertainment for any but members of the same be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the entertainment of all Royal Arch Masons and Mark Master Masons who have attended here to-day be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Clap,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Rev. Henry Hunter, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and present him the thanks of this Grand Chapter, for his excellent and appropriate discourse this day delivered, and also to present him with the sum of $30, from the funds of this Grand Chapter, and also to request a copy of said discourse for the press.

Companions Clap, Purdy and Bowen appointed said Committee.

On motion of Companion Joel Green,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the widow of the late Asa Graves, formerly a member of this Grand Chapter, the sum of $30, in three annual payments, as a charitable donation.

Companion Henry Hunter having declined a re-election, the following Companions were duly elected and installed officers of the Grand Chapter for the year ensuing :

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Windsor,	Grand High Priest.
E. Joel Clap,	Shelburn,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Clarendon,	Grand King.
E. Naphtali Shaw, 2d,	Bradford,	Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Rutland,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	"	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. Jos. W. Sawyer,	"	Grand Chaplain.
E. Stilman Blanchard,	Rutland,	Grand Visitor.
E. Joseph Edson,	Randolph,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. Barnabas Ellis,		Grand Stewards
" George W. Daniels,		
" James Barrett, Jr.,		
" John Cobb,		Grand Sentinel.

Steward's bill presented and allowed at $86.73.

On motion of Companion Newell,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making some arrangements to place the funds of this Grand Chapter in a situation to be productive.

Companions Newell, Haight and Hubbard appointed said Committee.

Voted, that the sum of $20 be paid to the Grand Tyler, partly as a charitable donation.

On motion of Companion Strong,

Resolved, That the sum of $100 be appropriated and paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, towards defraying the expenses of finishing the Masons Hall in this town.

On motion of Companion Clap,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to petition the Legislature of this State at their next session, for an Act of Incorporation of this Grand Chapter.

Hon. Moses Strong, John H. Cotton and Stephen Haight appointed said Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Farmers' Chapter, No. 14, Sudbury, for a Charter, made report that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted. Report not accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and the Secretary be ordered to make them out a Charter.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the neglect of Washington Chapter, No. 9, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter now in session:

Your Committee to whom was referred the situation of Washington Chapter, No. 9, respecting their not being represented for two years past, beg leave to report that in their opinion the return and dues sent in by them be returned, and said Chapter cited to appear by their representation at the next annual communication of this Grand Chapter, and show cause why their Charter should not be forfeited.

A. Robbins for Committee

Accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, made the following report:

To the State Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in relation to the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, respectfully report the following resolution to be adopted by this State Grand Chapter, and to be transmitted to the General Grand Secretary.

Charles K. Williams for Committee.

In Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont,
June 21, A. L. 5826.

Resolved, That it is not expedient to recommend a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer, a note signed Ozias Fuller, Henry Gould and Abel Page,	$ 70.34	
Cash,	1451.74	$1522.08
Deduct his account,	———	151.68
		$1370.40
In the hands of the Secretary,	$89.91	
Deduct his account,	31.02	58.89
Whole amount at the commencement of this session,		$1429.29

M. Strong for Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the state of the funds of this Grand Chapter, made the following report:

That having taken the subject under consideration, they do recommend that an arrangement be made with the Directors of the Bank of Rutland, to deposit the same in said Bank at such rate of interest as can be agreed on, subject at all times to the order of the Chapter, or such part of the same as may now be convenient for the Treasurer, and the balance to be secured by the said Treasurer, payable at such subsequent time, or times as may suit the convenience of said Treasurer, and the interest of the Chapter, at the same rate of interest as the Bank Directors will give, and that a Committee be appointed to adjust the same accordingly.

All which is submitted,

G. Newell,)
T. Hubbard, > Committee.
S. Haight,)

Accepted, and Companions Hannibal Hodges, Stilman Blanchard, Silas Bowen and Richard Gookin appointed said Committee.

The Past Grand Chaplain, Companion Henry Hunter, informed the Grand Chapter that he should decline giving a copy of his discourse for the press.

Paid the Grand Treasurer five hundred and thirty-six dollars, being all the moneys received at this communication.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 20, A. L. 5827, and opened on the Fourth Degree, and organized agreeably with the Act of the Legislature incorporating said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT.

M. E. John H. Cotton,	Master.
W. Hannibal Hodges,	Senior Warden.
W. Nathan Bowen,	Junior Warden.
Br. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Secretary.
" Rev. Joel Clap,	as Chaplain.
" Asa Partridge,	Master Overseer.
" Silas Bowen,	Senior Overseer.
" Philip C. Tucker,	Junior Overseer.
" John Cobb,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Excellent and Rev. Comp. Joel Clap, Past Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges were called on to make their returns.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge Middlebury, represented by John Chipman.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Daniel L. Potter,	Senior Warden.
Moses S. Wheeler,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Beriah N. Leach,	Cornwall,	Dec. 14, 1826.
Edward Wellington,	Middlebury,	" "
Francis Delong,	Shoreham,	" 21, "
Philetus B. Fillmore,	Middlebury,	" "
Paul B. Hawley,	Bristol,	" "
Artemas Moses,	Middlebury,	" "
Nathaniel Foster,	"	Feby. 7, 1827.
John Ingals,	"	" "
Hiram Lucas,	"	" "
John S. Hotchkiss,	"	June 14, "
Solomon Parker,	"	" "

Middlebury, June 16, 1827.

GIDEON CARPENTER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Barnabas Ellls.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE WARREN,	Master.
STEPHEN S. BOSWORTH,	Senior Warden.
OLIVER MORANVILLE,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Stephen Bucklin,	Poultney,	Dec. 8, 1826.
Joshua Quinton, Jr.,	Fairhaven,	Feby. 9, 1827.
Joel Hickok,	"	" "

Fairhaven, June 19, 5827.

HARRIS W. BATES, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Lovel Hebard.

OFFICERS.

LOVEL HEBARD,	Master.
JAMES FIELD,	Senior Warden.
DAVID LILLIE,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Ira Belding,	Royalton,	Sept. 6, 1826.
Beniah Short,	Bethel,	July 4, "
Stephen Fish,	"	" "
Calvin Morse,	"	March 6, 1827.

Bethel, June 18, 5827.

HIRAM WILSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by Barzillai Davenport.

OFFICERS.

BARZILLAI DAVENPORT,	Master.
EDWARD JACKSON,	Senior Warden.
GEORGE W. KELLY,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Thomas Davenport,	Brandon,	Sept. 21, 1825.
Willis G. Keeler,	"	" "
James P. Carver.	"	Nov. 16, "
Rev. Enoch Birdsee,	"	Jany. 18, 1826.
Henry K. Copeland,	"	" "
Ebenezer Avery,	"	March 15, "
Edward Jackson, Jr.,	"	" "
Hiram Squires,	"	Sept. 27, "
Henry Hewitt,	Pittsford,	Oct. 18, "
John F. Sawyer,	Brandon,	Dec. 20, "
Lemuel Smith,	"	June 13, 1827.

Brandon, June 13, 5827.

HEZEKIAH JUNE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Strafford, represented by Junior Warden.

OFFICERS.

JOHN MOORE,	Master.
GEORGE W. ALGER,	Senior Warden.
JONATHAN FRARY,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Earl Saxton,	Sharon,	July 19, 1826.
Moses Hill,	Bradford, N. H.,	Jany. 17,1827.
Gersham Rice,	Thetford,	March 21, "
Lyman Tyler,	Strafford,	June 4, "

Strafford, June 14, 5827.

ISAAC SMITH, Secretary.

Dues paid, $4.00.

Lectured on the Fourth Degree.

Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

M. E. JOHN H. COTTON,	Grand High Priest.
E. JOEL CLAP,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HANNIBAL HODGES,	Grand King.
Comp. BENJAMIN LORD,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. JOEL CLAP,	as Grand Chaplain.
" Rev. JOSEPH EDSON,	Grand Marshal.
" JAMES BARRETT, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" BARNABAS ELLIS,	Grand Stewards.
" GEORGE W. DANIELS,	Grand Stewards.
" JOHN COBB,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

The several Chapters were called on to make their returns.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by the proper officers.

OFFICERS.

JOHN PURDY,	High Priest.
ALVIN E. PARKER,	King.
HIRAM WATKINS,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Harris Bogue,	Pittsford,	March 13, 1827,	March 13, 1827.
Amasa Pooler,	Rutland,	" "	May 8, "
Aaron Barnes,	"	May 8, "	" "

Rutland, June 18, 5827.

RICHARD GOOKIN, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

JONATHAN BERRY,	High Priest.
JOHN NASON,	King.
LUCAS R. BEEMAN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Lock Catlin,	St. Albans,	June 20, 1826,	July 27, 1826.
Rev. Salmon Stebbins,	"	July 18, "	" "
Oris Pier,	"	" "	" "
Moses Wanzer,	Fairfield,	Aug, 15, "	Aug. 15, "
Anson Hull,	"	" "	" "
Chester Abels,	"	" "	" "
Philo England,	Georgia,	Oct. 17, "	
Giles A. Barber,	"	" "	Mar. 20, 1827.
Sebastian Brainerd,	St. Albans,	Jan. 15, 1827.	
James Jones,	Fairfax,	" "	" "
Warren Hoxie,	Milton,	Feb. 20, "	" "
Isaac F. Chamberlin,	St. Albans,	" "	" 2, "
Almon Dunbar,	Fairfax,	" "	" "
Henry Soule,	"	" "	" "
Heman Hopkins,	Swanton,		" 20, "
Ira Church,	"	April 17, "	

St. Albans, June 1, 1827.

HEMAN GREEN, Secretary.

Dues paid, $36.00.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

PHILIP C. TUCKER,	High Priest.
SAMUEL WILLSON,	King.
ALLEN MILLS,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Franklin Barrows,	Bridport,	Sept. 18, 1826,	Nov. 20, 1826.
Alexander McKenzie,	Moriah, N. Y.,	" "	Sept. 18, "
Jacob Dewey,	Bridport,		" "
Benona Carpenter,	"		" "
Rodney Pierce,	"		" "
Elijah M. Raymond.	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Cyrus Meeker,	New Haven,	Feb. 12, 1827,	Feb. 12, 1827.
William Nash,	"		" "
Eleazer Taylor,	Vergennes,	" "	" "
Romeo Darwin,	"	" "	" "
Everett Hawley. Jr.,	"	" "	Mar. 19, "
Solomon Mason,	Shoreham,		Feb. 12, "
Calvin C. Waller,	Middlebury,		Mar. 19, "
Edward Wellington,	New Haven,		" "
Jonathan A. Allen,	"		May 21, "
Harvey Munsill.	Bristol,		" "
Demetrius F. Munson,	"		" "

Vergennes, May 21, 1821.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

Dues paid, $42.00.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

ZACCHEUS HOVEY, High Priest.
NATHAN BOWEN, King.
SAMUEL SCOTT, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Hiland Hall,	Bennington,		Jany. 11, 1827.
Truman Hendrix,	"		" "
Samuel H. Blackmer,	"		" "
James G. Lindergreen,	"	Jany. 11, 1827.	

Bennington, June 4, 1827.

FRANCIS BRECKENRIDGE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Sylvanus Baldwin,	High Priest.
John Reid,	King.
Joseph Wiggins,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
James Spaulding,	Montpelier,	July 19, 1826.	
Abner Nichols, Jr.,	Braintree,	" "	July 21, 1826.
Alcott Sherman,	Barre,	Sept. 13, "	
Harvey W. Carpenter,	Moretown,	Oct. 24, "	Jan. 10, 1827.
Asa Gaylord,	Montpelier,	Nov. 1, "	" "
Cephas Carpenter,	Moretown,	Jan. 10, 1827.	
Joseph Sawyer,	"	" "	
Jesse Patterson,	Barre,	" 15, "	Mar. 14, "

Montpelier, June 18, 5827.

Oramel H. Smith, Secretary.

Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

Calvin Chapin,	High Priest.
John Wakefield,	King.
William Donoghue,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jesse W. Adams,	Windsor,	Dec. 15, 1825,	Nov. 29, 1826.
Samuel Patterson,	"		" "
Ebenezer Sawtelle,	Weathersfield,		" "
Oliver W. Lund,	Windsor,		" "
Wyman Spooner,	Royalton,		" "

Stephen Cole,	Cornish, N. H.,	Jany. 3, 1827,	Jany. 3, 1827.
Josiah Brown,	Windsor,		" "
Amasa Gay,	"	" "	" "
Juvet Boynton,	Hartland,		Jany. 24, 1827.
Alba Lull,	"		" "
Carleton H. Perry,	"	"24, "	" "
Porter Cotton,	"	" "	" "
Asahel Bagley,	"		Feby. 21, "
Samuel Clement,	Weathersfield,		" "
Joseph Woodbury,	Hartland,		March 24, "
Alvin Woodruff,	Windsor,		" "
Zera Lull,	Hartland,		May 16, "
John Burnham,	Windsor,		" "
Samuel Larnard,	Weathersfield,		" "
Calvin Spalding,	Plainfield,	May 16, "	

Windsor, June 16, 1827.

EZRA S. TRASK, Secretary.

Dues paid, $44.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. PRICHARD, High Priest.
CALVIN JEWETT, King.
BENJAMIN P. BALDWIN, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Rev. Silas McKeene,	Bradford,	June 13, 1826,	June 13, 1826.
Jacob Kent, Jr.,	Newbury	" "	" "
Nicholas Youngman,	Bradford,	July 11, "	July 11, "
William Peck,	Newbury,	Jan. 9, 1827,	Jan. 9, 1827.
Franklin P. Johnson,	"	April 10, "	April 10, "
Chorel G. Chase,	Corinth,	" "	June 12, "
John Robie,	"	June 12, "	" "

Bradford, June 13, 5827.

ASA LANE, Secretary.

Dues paid, $21.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Artemas Robbins,	High Priest.
William H. Williams,	King.
Asa Keyes, 2d,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Sylvester Brackett,	Guilford,	May 16, 1826,	July 19, 1826.
William Robertson,	Putney,	" "	" "
Joseph Gamble,	Brookline,	" "	" "

Brattleboro, June 1, 5827.

Henry Clark, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, represented by Amos Heald.

Returns for 1825.

OFFICERS.

John P. Williams,	High Priest.
Daniel Wait,	King.
Nomlas Cobb,	Scribe.

No work. No dues.

Returns for 1826.

OFFICERS.

John P. Williams,	High Priest.
Daniel Wait,	King.
David Campbell,	Scribe.

Oliver Wilkinson Townsend advanced and exalted Nov. 25, 1825.

Dues paid, $3.00.

Returns for 1827.

OFFICERS.

John P. Williams,	High Priest.
Daniel Wait,	King.
David Campbell,	Scribe.

Chester, June 20, 1827.

Amos Heald, Secretary.

No work. No dues.

Above returns of Washington Chapter were referred to Companions Robbins, Strong and Shedd.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Milton Brown,	High Priest.
Zerah S. Wright,	King.
Return Strong,	Scribe.

Allen Vail, Middletown advanced and exalted Dec. 11, 1826.

Pawlet, June 18, 1827.

Elisha Allen, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Josiah Shedd,	High Priest.
Nathan Haseltine,	King.
Ebenezer Peck,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Isaiah Silver,	Danville,	June 20, 1826,	June 20, 1826.
Guy Chamberlin,	Peacham,	" "	" "
Denison R. Burnham,	Groton,	" "	" "
Moses Pike,	Waterford,	" "	" "
Theron Howard,	Danville,	Aug. 22, "	Aug. 22, "
Nathan Fuller,	"	" "	" "
Henry Bowers,	"	" "	" "

Sampson Woods,	Barnet,	Jan. 16, 1827,	Jan. 16, 1827.
Leonard Woods,	"	" "	" "
Abner Sylvester,	"	" "	" "
Riley Woods,	"	" "	" "
John Willey,	Peacham,	Feb. 13, "	Feb. 13, "
John Elkins,	"	" "	" "
Samuel B. Mattocks,	Danville,	May 1, "	May 1, "
George L. Oakes,	Barnet,	" "	" "
Wilkes S. Alger,	"	" "	" "
Andrew McGaffey,	"	" "	" "
William Holdridge,	"	" "	" "
Benjamin Brown,	Waterford,	" "	" "
Isaac R. Pettingill,	Danville,	" "	

Danville, June 15, 5827.

GEORGE B. SHAW, Secretary.

Dues paid, $58.00.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

JOEL CLAP, High Priest.
NATHAN B. HASWELL, King.
DAVID RUSSELL, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Erasmus Chapin,	Burlington,	July 13, 1826,	July 13, 1826.
Robinson Ferris,	South Hero,	Aug. 1, "	
Dan Lyon,	Burlington,	" "	Aug. 1, "
John S. Webster,	Bakersfield,	Oct. 2, "	Oct. 2, "
Wm. Wainwright,	Burlington,	Dec. 14, "	Feb. 11, 1827.
John Munson,	Williston,	Jan. 10, 1827,	April 16, "
Orson H. Munson,	"	" "	
Thaddeus R. Fletcher,	Essex,	Feb. 15, "	Feb. 15, "
Ora Bradley,	Williston,	" "	
James Humphrey,	Richmond,	" "	
Harry Lloyd,	"	" "	
Arad Merrill,	Burlington,	Mar. 14, "	
David K. Pangborn,	"	" "	
Julius Smith,	"	Jan. 11, 1826,	Mar. 14, 1827.

Uzal Pierson, Shelburn, affiliated Jany. 10, 1827.

Burlington, June 16, 1827.

JAMES LUCIUS SAWYER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $27.00.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

Asa Partridge,	High Priest.
Joseph Edson,	King.
Lovel Hebard,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
George W. Barker,	Randolph,	June 22, 5826,	June 22, 5826.
Rev. John Orcutt,	Royalton,	" "	"
John Chaffee,	Rochester,	July 6, "	July 6, "
Enoch Slade,	Brookfield,	" "	" "
Joseph F. Tilden,	Rochester,	" "	" "
Eliphalet Goodrich,		" "	" "
Eli Barney,		" "	" "
Lyman K. Smith,		" "	" "
Ira Cooper,	Rochester,		" "
Titus Washburn,	Randolph,	Aug. 17, "	Aug. 17, 5826.
Morey Lane,	Strafford,	" "	" "
Chase Dow,	Tunbridge,	" "	" "
George Carpenter,	Randolph,	Oct. 19, "	Nov. 16, "
Joseph Wolcott,	Brookfield,	" "	Dec. 14, "
William G. Page,		" "	Nov. 16, "
Iona P. Miller,	Greece,	Dec. 14, "	Dec. 14, "
Hiram Wolcott,	Brookfield,	" "	" "
Horace Miller,	New York,	Feb. 15, 5827,	Feb. 15, 5827.
Joseph S. Washburn,	Randolph,	" "	" "
Elnathan Austin,	Tunbridge,	" "	" "
Harvey Bingham,	Royalton,	Mar. 16, "	Mar. 16, "
Horace S. Richmond,	Rochester,	" "	" "
Sidney Bissell,	Randolph,	April 12, "	
Abel Lyman,	Brookfield,	" "	April 12, "
Rev. David Leslie,	"	" "	" "

Randolph, June 14, 5827.

George Chase, Secretary.

Dues paid, $69.00.

No. 14. Farmers Chapter, Sudbury, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

S. S. Church, High Priest.
Barzillai Davenport, King.
Wait Branch, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Rev. Robert Hastings,	Orwell,		July 4, 1826
Freeman Gates,	Shoreham,		Aug. 10, "
Oliver C. Ward,	Orwell,	Aug. 10, 1826,	" "
Jonathan Wright,	Shoreham,	May 11, "	" "
John Aiken,	Benson,		Dec. 8, "
Isaac Griswold,	"	Dec. 8, "	" "
Hiram Warner,	Orwell,	" "	" "
Almond Warner,	Poultney,	Jan. 11, 1827,	Jan. 11, 1827
Philo Wilcox,	Benson,	" "	" "
John Hall,	Sudbury,		" "
Merit Hammond,	Brandon,	Jan. 11, "	" "
Daniel Farrington,	"		Mar. 8, "
Edward Jackson, Jr.,			" "
Lyman Crossman,			" "

Sudbury, June 7, 5827.

Whitfield Walker, Secretary.

Dues paid, $30.00.

Comps. Williams, Silas Bowen, and Tucker were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the subject of a revision of the constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Letters from the General Grand Secretary, from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and all other communications of the past year, were referred to the same Committee.

Comps. Strong, Hodges, and Prichard were appointed a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary.

E. and Rev. Comp. Joel Clap, D. G. H. P., presented a certificate of the due installation of Farmers' Chapter, No. 14, by him at Sudbury on the 14th day of January, 1827.

Petitions were presented for two new Chapters one, to be located at Strafford, the other at Post Mills Village, Thetford, and both were referred to Comps. Clap, Baldwin and Wakefield.

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petition of the undersigned Royal Arch Masons humbly showeth that feeling a deep terest in the welfare of Masonry, beg leave to solicit that a Charter or Letter of Dispensation for a Lodge or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons may be granted, to be located at Post Mills Village in Thetford, in the County of Orange, by the name of , and we would recommend our worthy Companion Ralph Hosford, High Priest, David Palmer, King, Elisha May, Scribe, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Elisha Thayer,
Samuel Daniels,
Jesse McClary,
Samuel C. Loomis,
William R. Andros,
Elias Driggs,
Alanson Morey,
Heman Hosford,
Ralph Hosford.
Elisha May,
Levi Boutwell,
Phineas Bailey,
Isaac Farrington,
M. S. Morey,
Thomas Morey,
George W. Holton,
Theodore Cushing,

Thetford, June 15, A. L. 5827.

To to Most Worshipful Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The petitioners hereof humbly show that they are Ancient, Free and Accepted Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry, for the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the town of Strafford, to be blended with its present Mark Lodge, to be named Fidelity Chapter. In consequence of this desire, and for the good of the craft they pray for a Charter, or Warrant to empower them to assemble as a legal Chapter, to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Ex-

cellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, in a regular and constitutional manner according to the ancient form of the fraternity, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, that they have nominated and do recommend Albigence Pierce, High Priest, John Stearns, King, John Kent, Scribe, of said Chapter; that if the prayer of the petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

David Morrill,
Joseph Morrill,
Moses Lane,
Jonathan Frary.
George W. Smith,
Daniel Morrill,
George W. Alger,

Called from labor to dispensation.

A procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal, Comp. Edson, and proceeded to the Meeting house, where an excellent and appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. Comp. Joseph W. Sawyer, Grand Chaplain.

After dinner at Comp. Abel Page's, called from dispensation to labor on the Seventh Degree.

Comp. Clap presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the remarks contained in the return this day presented to this Grand Chapter from Burlington Chapter, No. 12, relative to the exaltation of Nicholas M. Holt in Champlain Chapter, be referred to a Committee of three, and that the said Committee be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what measures it is expedient to adopt relative to the fees for conferring the degrees of Past Master, and Most Excellent Masters in the subordinate Chapters in this State.

Companions Shedd, Heald and Tucker were appointed as such Committee.

Companion Williams introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society the sum of thirty dollars, for the purpose of constituting the Rev. Joseph W. Sawyer a member of that Society.

The Committee on petitions for new Chapters made report which was adopted, that the petitioners not having complied with section nine of article two of the General Grand Constitution, their prayers ought not to be granted.

Windsor Mark Lodge, No. 5, Windsor; Washington Mark Lodge, No. 8, Woodstock; Franklin Mark Lodge, No 12, Enosburgh; and Lamoille Mark Lodge, No 15, Fairfax, not being represented, the Grand Secretary was directed to cite them to appear at the next annual communication of this Grand Chapter, and show cause why their Charters should not be forfeited.

Comps. Tucker, Silas Bowen, and Edson were appointed a Committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Napthali Shaw, 2d,	Grand King.
E. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Joseph W. Sawyer,	Grand Chaplain.
" Joseph Edson,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Barnabas Ellis,	Grand Stewards.
" George W. Daniels,	Grand Stewards.
" Richard Gookin,	Grand Stewards.
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel.

Comps. Clap and Cotton presented their accounts for $65.00 each for time and expenses attending the General Grand Chapter in September last, and the Treasurer was directed to pay the same.

Lectured on the Fourth Degree.

The Committee to whom was referred the subjects presented by the General Grand Secretary, and by the Grand

Chapters of South Carolina, with respect to a revision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter; and also on the subject of diplomas made the following report which was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now sitting:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of suggesting amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, respectfully report that the first section of the second article of the said Constitution ought to be so amended as to make the Grand Sentinel, and Grand Stewards of the several Grand Chapters for the time being members and voters in the said Grand Chapters respectively.

The same Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and also the letters from the General Grand Secretary, respectfully report that the consideration thereof be postponed to the next communication of this State Grand Chapter.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS, for Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Washington Chapter, No. 9, reported as follows, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session:

Your Committee to whom was referred the situation of Washington Chapter, No. 9, beg leave to report that having examined into the same they are of opinion that this Grand Chapter ought to receive the returns of said Chapter and excuse them from answer.

ARTEMAS ROBBINS for Committee.

Masons Hall, Rutland, June 20, 5827.

Comp. Bowen introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved: That Comp. Cotton be appointed a committee to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Rev. Comp. Joseph W. Sawyer,

for his excellent discourse this day delivered; and also to present him the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The Committee appointed on the Burlington memorial made the following report, which was adopted.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter now in session :

The Committee appointed on the resolution of Comp. Clap, relative to the Advancement of Companion Nicolas M. Holt, in Burlington Chapter and his Exaltation in Champlain Chapter, having taken the subject matter of said resolution into consideration respectfully report that the 5th Article of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter be abolished and that the following be substituted, viz:

Art. 5. That in the several Mark Masters Lodges and Chapters under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the fees for conferring the Mark Masters Degree shall in future be $5.00, for the Past Masters Degree $2.00, for the Most Excellent Masters Degree $3.00 and for the Royal Arch Degree $10.00 and that no credit shall be given for the same.

Your Committee further report that in their opinion a candidate who has received the Mark Masters, Past Masters or Most Excellent Masters Degree in one Chapter should not receive any additional Degree in another Chapter except he exhibit a certificate of his regular standing and a receipt of his having paid all dues from the Chapter conferring the same.

Rutland, June 20, 5827.

Josiah Shedd, for Committee.

Comp. Strong presented his bill of $12.00 for procuring an Act of Incorporation for this Grand Chapter which was ordered paid.

The Stewards bill $101.00 was also ordered paid.

Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary reported as follows, which was adopted.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont now Sitting :

Your Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary make the following report:

That they find in the hands of the Treasurer a Note against Ozias Fuller, and Abel Page, dated Nov. 20, 1815. $70.34

Cash in the Treasury as pr last settlement,		1,836.06
Interest on $1,401.13, 1 year at 3 per cent is,		42.03
Cash Received of J. H. Cotton, June 20, 1827,		45.00
		$1,993.43

Deduct Treasurer's account as follows:

June 20, 1826, Cash paid Grand Chaplain,	$30.00	
Cash paid Grand Tyler as fees and donation,	20.00	
Cash paid Green Mountain Chapter, per vote,	100.00	
Cash paid Widdow Graves, per vote	10.00	
The above was voted to be paid yearly for three years.		
Cash paid Steward's bill,	86.73	
Discount on $60.00 Canada Bills, 2 per cent,	1.20	
Aug. 27, Cash paid J. H. Cotton for his and Comp. Clap's expenses attending General Grand Chapter,	175.00	
Cash paid for printing proceedings of Chapter,	12.00	
		$434.93.
		$1,558.50
Also find against the Grand Secretary as per settlement last year,	$58.89	
Deduct Grand Secretary's account since,	43.25	$15.64
Balance,		$1,574.14

HANIBAL HODGES,)
M. STRONG, - Committee.
GEO. W. PRICHARD,)

On motion voted that the resolution passed at the last communication with respect to the funds of this Grand Chapter, be again adopted; and that Comp. Hannibal Hodges be excused from serving on said Committee, and Comp. Rodney C. Royce be appointed in his room.

On motion voted that the note signed by Henry Gould Ozias Fuller and Abel Page be stricken from the report of the funds of this Grand Chapter, and destroyed.

Comp. Tucker presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, John H. Cotton, for his faithful services as High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and that the best wishes of this Grand Chapter attend him in his retirement from the chair, which he has so long filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to the fraternity.

Paid the Grand Treasurer $408.00, being all the moneys received at this communication.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the Act of Incorporation which was read at the opening of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter :

An Act incorporating the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

SECTION 1. It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, that John H. Cotton, Silas Bowen, Hannibal Hodges, Moses Strong, Stephen Haight, Charles K. Williams, Jeduthan Loomis, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a corporation, by the name of the GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, and they hereby are invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities incident to corporations of a similar nature.

SEC. 2. It is hereby further enacted that said Grand Chapter shall have power to receive, possess and hold, by gift, grant, purchase or devise, any real or personal estate; provided, said real estate do not exceed three thousand dollars, nor the value of said personal estate exceed four thousand dollars; and shall and may employ the income, interest and profits arising from such estate in acts of charity and benevolence.

SEC. 3. It is hereby further enacted that the said Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont shall have and use a common seal, and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, in all actions, real, personal and mixed, and prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution: And the said Grand Chapter shall annually elect by ballot a Grand High Priest to preside at their meetings, and a Grand Recorder to record the doings of said Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. It is hereby further enacted that the said Grand Chapter be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell and convey in fee simple, lease or mortgage, all or any part of the real estate which they may hold as herein aforesaid, and to make, execute and acknowledge a good and sufficient deed or deeds thereof, which deed or deeds, subscribed by their Grand High Priest, by direction of said Grand Chapter, with the seal of said corporation thereunto annexed, shall be good and valid in law, to pass and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, to all intents and purposes whatever: And said Grand Chapter may make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may think proper; provided, the same are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 5. It is hereby further enacted that the first meeting of said Grand Chapter shall be holden at Mason's Hall, in Rutland, on the third Wednesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven. Provided, however, that this act may be repealed whenever the Legislature may deem it expedient that the corporation should be abolished.

STATE OF VERMONT.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
Woodstock, June 6th, 1827.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an act of the Legislature of the State of Vermont, passed on the first day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, as the same remains on record in this office.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, and to these presents have affixed my seal of office.

[L. S.]

NORMAN WILLIAMS, Secretary of State.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened agreeably with the Constitution and By-Laws, and Act of Incorporation, and opened on the Fourth or Mark Masters Degree at Masons Hall, Rutland, Wednesday, June 18, 5828.

PRESENT.

M. E. Joel Clap,	Master.
W. Naphtali Shaw, 2nd.,	Senior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Junior Warden.
B. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
B. Joel Green,	Secretary.
B. Silas Bowen,	Master Overseer.
B. Samuel Willson,	Senior Overseer.
B. C. M. Chamberlin,	Junior Overseer.
B. John Cobb,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Excellent and Rev. Comp. Amos Drury, Grand Chaplain, the several Mark Lodges were called on to make their returns, and were represented as follows:

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by Brother Copeland.

OFFICERS.

John M. Weeks,	Master.
Moses F. Wheeler,	Senior Warden.
Clark C. Cady,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Advanced.
Marshal S. Waller,	Feby. 14, 1828.
David Walker,	" "
John Perry,	April 10, "
Noble Foot,	" "
Josiah P. Farrar.	" "

Middlebury, June 18, 1828.

ALLEN MILLS, Secretary.

Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Brother Ellis.

OFFICERS.

A. How,	Master.
O. MORANVILLE,	Senior Warden.
L. LYMAN,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Solomon Fairwell,	Poultney,	Jany. 25, 1828.
John G. Fairwell,	"	" "
Dexter Ward,	"	" "
Hiram Fifield,	"	" "
Warren Tuttle,	"	" "
Samuel Ruggles,	"	March 28, "

Fairhaven, June 18, 1828.

DAVID C. SPROOT, Secretary.

Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Worshipful Master.

OFFICERS.

C. M. CHAMBERLIN,	Master.
CALVIN CHAPIN, Jr.,	Senior Warden.
RICHARD WAIT,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Reuben Washburn,	Cavendish,	Aug. 9, 5826,
Joseph Warner,	Ludlow,	" "
John C. Haskill,	Weathersfield,	" "
Nathaniel Barrett,	Windsor,	" "
Abel Farewell,	Hartland,	" "
Jasper Stowell,	Windsor,	" "
Sewall Parkhurst,	Weathersfield,	Nov. 5, "
Francis K. Nichols,	"	" "
Asahel Bagley,	Hartland,	" "
Ephraim Sleeper,	"	" "
Addison Streeter,	Springfield,	Feb. 14, 5827,
Gilman H. Shedd,	Windsor,	May 9, "
Alfred Worcester,	"	" "
Rufus Whitcomb,	"	Nov. 14, "
Lewis Morey,	"	" "
Timothy Goodwell,	Weathersfield,	" "
Daniel F. Dart,	"	Feb. 13, 5828.
Ezra Robinson,	Reading,	May 14, "

Windsor, June 5, 1828.

RUFUS ROOT, Jr., Secretary.

Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock, not represented.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Junior Warden.

OFFICERS.

JAMES FAIRFIELD,	Master.
DANIEL LILLIE,	Senior Warden.
JAMES P. CLEVELAND,	Junior Warden.

Windsor, June 17, 1828.

JULIUS CONVERSE, Sceretary.

No work. No dues.

No. 12. Franklin Mark Lodge, Enosburgh, represented by Senior Warden.

Returns for 1826.

OFFICERS.

Charles Gallup,		Master.
John S. Webster,		Senior Warden.
Eldad S. Butler,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Jasper Chaffey,	Berkshire,	May 2, 1825.
Cromwell Bowen,	"	Feb. 28, 1826.
Henry H. Janes,	Montgomery,	May 30, "

Enosburg, May 30, 1826.

Eldad S. Butler, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00.

Returns for 1827 and 1828.

OFFICERS.

Charles Gallup,		Master.
John S. Webster,		Senior Warden.
Samuel S. Butler,		Junior Warden.
Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Nathaniel Wait,	Fairfield,	
Perley Hall,	Berkshire,	Oct. 23, 1826.
Gurden Crampton,	"	" "
Elijah Baker,	Sheldon,	" 1, 1827.
Thurman Cummings,	Richford,	" "
Ezra Wood,	Berkshire,	Jan. 28, 1828.
O. F. Robinson,	Enosburg,	" "
David B. Blakeley,	Berkshire,	Feb. 11, "
Norman Rublee,	"	" "
Joseph Bowdish,	Fairfield,	"25, "
Selah B. Upham,	Montgomery,	" "
Phineas Bailey,	Berkshire,	" "
Samuel Kendall,	Enosburg,	" "
Zatha Daniels,	Berkshire,	April 28, "
O. D. S. Gallup,	Sheldon,	May 26, "

Enosburgh, June 18, 1828.

Anson Hull, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.00.

Mark Lodge dispensed with and opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Naphtali Shaw, 2d,	Grand King.
E. George Robinson,	as Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. Amos Drury,	as Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Moses Strong,	as Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Barnabas Ellis, " George W. Daniels, " Richard Gookin,	Grand Stewards.
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter were called on to make their returns.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

John Purdy,	High Priest.
Alvin E. Parker,	King.
Hiram Watkins,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Gardner Gates,	Rutland,	Sept. 11, 1827,	Sept. 11, 1827.
Anthony C. Rice,	Pittsford,	" "	" "
Isaac Clark,	"		" "
Silas H. Hodges,	Rutland,	Jan. 8, 1828,	Jan. 8, 1828.
Royal Waller,	"	" "	" "

Rutland, June 18, 1828.

Aaron Barnes, Secretary.

Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter Vergennes, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

P. C. Tucker, High Priest.
Samuel Willson, Kin .
L. Filmore, Scri .

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalte
Daniels Bowers,	Addison.	July 16, 1827,	July 16, 18 7.
Joseph Needham,	Bristol,	" "	" "
Elias Landon,	Newhaven,		Sept. 17, "

Vergennes, June, 16, 1828.

Norman Munson, Secretary.

Dues paid, $8.00.

No 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented by Comp Blackmer.

OFFICERS.

Nathan Bowen, High Priest.
Elijah Buck, King.
Samuel Scott, Scribe.

Bennington, June 13, 1828.

Francis Breckenridge, Secretary.

No Work. No Dues.

No. 5. King Solomon's Chapter, Montpelier, represented by Comp. Goldsbury.

OFFICERS.

Sylvanus Baldwin, High Priest.
Joseph Howes, King
Harry Richardson, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Joseph Freeman,	Waitsfield,	July 11, 1827,	
Gamaliel Washburn,	Montpelier,	Oct. 16, "	Oct. 30, 1828.
Ephraim H. Washburn,		" 30, "	
Nathaniel Carpenter,	Middlesex,	Jan. 2, 1828,	

Montpelier, June 16, 1828.

John Goldsbury, Secretary.

Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

John Wakefield,	High Priest.
Rufus Root,	King.
Daniel Bowen,	Scribe.

Name	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Francis K. Nichols,	Weatherfield,		Aug. 15, 1827.
Addison Streeter,	Springfield,		" " "
Calvin Spaulding,	Plainfield, N. H.,		" " "
John M. Cooper,	Windsor,	Nov. 21, 1827,	Nov. 21, "
Jasper Stowell,	"		" " "
Martin P. Pinney,	"	" " "	" " "
Charles Sherwin,	Weatherfield		Feb. 20, 1828.
Timothy Goodell,	"		" " "
Rufus Whitcomb,	Windsor,		June 4, "

Windsor, June 4, 1828.

Rufus Root, Jr., Secretary.

Dues paid, $20.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Naphtali Shaw, 2nd,	High Priest.
Benjamin Baldwin,	King.
Timothy Underwood,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Charles G. Cutting,	Bradford,	July 10, 1827,	July 10, 1827.
Samuel Emery,	Oxford, N. H.,	Dec. 11, "	Dec. 11, "
David Poor,	Corinth,	Mar. 11, 1828,	May 13, 1828.

Bradford, June 2, 1828.

Asa Lane, Secretary.

Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Artemas Robbins,	High Priest.
Samuel Root,	King.
Elisha Field,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
James Crawford,	Putney,	May 21, 1828,
Samuel S. Leonard,	Brattleboro'	" " "
Horace Willcox,	"	" " "
Moses Ware,	"	" " "
William Chase,	"	" " "

Brattleboro', June 18, 1828.

Artemas Robbins, for Henry Clark, Secretary.

Dues paid $6 00

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Companions Robertson and Edgerton.

OFFICERS.

Milton Brown,	High Priest.
Zera F. Wright,	King.
Return Strong,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Jacob Edgerton, jr.,	Pawlet,	Dec. 3, 1827,	Dec. 3, 1827.
Levi Ingalsbie,	"	Feb. 25, 1828,	Feb. 25, 1828.
James H. Willard,	"		" " "

Pawlett, June 2, 1828.

Elisha Allen, Secretary.

Dues paid, $8.00

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by Companions Robinson and Russell.

OFFICERS.

N. B. Haswell,	High Priest.
David Russell,	King.
J. L. Sawyer,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence,	Advanced.	Exalted.
Arad Merrill,	Burlington,	March 14, 1827,	Dec. 12, 1827.
Isaac Smith,	Shelburne,	Jan. 9, 1828,	Feb. 13, 1828.
John Bates,	Williston,	Feb. 15, 1824,	" " "
Uriah Dubois,	Burlington,		" " "
Luther M. Hagar,	Shelburne,	March 12, 1828,	March 12, 1828.
Malachi Corning,	Burlington,		Feb. 13, "
Jason Washburn,	"	Feb. 13, "	

Burlington, June 16, 1828.

JAMES L. SAWYER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $15.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

LOVEL HIBBARD, High Priest.
REUBEN PECK, King.
THOMAS WILBER, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
John Moore,	Strafford,		Aug. 9, 1827.
Joel Davis,	Williamstown,	Oct. 4, 1827,	Jan. 30, 1828.
Josiah White,	"	"	Oct. 4, 1827.
David Watson,	"	"	"
Asa Hatch,		"	"
Morris H. Cady,	Randolph,	Dec. 7, 1827,	April 3, 1828.
Charles Adams,	"	"	Jan. 30, "
Dan Blodgett,	"	Jan. 30, 1828,	" " "
George Lyman,	Royalton,	May 29, "	May 29, "
Andrew Bacchus,	"	" " "	" " "

Randolph, June 18, 1828.

JOSEPH S. WASHBURN, Secretary.

Dues paid, $29 00.

No. 14. Farmers Chapter, Sudbury, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

BARZILLAI DAVENPORT, High Priest.
WAIT BRANCH, King.
ISAAC WHEADON, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Samuel Tryon,	West Haven,	Aug. 2, 1827,	Aug. 2, 1827.
Lemuel Smith,	Brandon,		Sep. 27, "
Joseph Warner,	Sudbury,	Nov. 29, "	

Sudbury, June 16, 1828.

WHITFIELD WALKER, Secretary.

Dues paid, $6.00.

Most Excellent Joel Clap gave notice of the death of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, DeWitt Clinton, since the last communication of this Grand Chapter, and Comps. Chas. K. Williams, Gordon Newell, and Artemas Robbins were appointed a Committee to prepare and present a suitable resolution and make report at this session.

A petition for a Chapter to be located at East Berkshire was presented, which was referred to Comps. Russell, Shaw and Royce.

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

COMPANIONS:

Your petitioners are residents of the eastern part of the County of Franklin, are Royal Arch Masons and have the good of the fraternity at heart, and are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote the genuine principles of our institution; that for the convenience of Companions resident in this vicinity, who are on an average distant almost thirty miles from any organized Chapter, and are located in a densely populated Country; that for these and other good reasons your petitioners are anxious to form a new Chapter, that they may discharge in a constitutional manner the duties enjoined by the institution, and the same be located at the village in the eastern part of Berkshire, and named Lafayette Chapter. Your petitioners would recommend Amherst Willoughby to be High Priest, William Barber, King, and Thomas Fuller, Scribe, of the said Chapter, and that if the prayer of the petition be granted they promise strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations

of the Grand Chapter; and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Austin Fuller,
Fred. A. Woodworth,
Amherst Willoughby,
James Upham,
Thomas Childs,
Thomas Fuller.
Charles Strong,
S. S. Butler,
Anson Hull,
John S. Webster,
William Barber,

A communication from Franklin Lodge, No. 12, praying for leave to surrender their Charter, and transfer their funds, jewels and furniture to the Chapter at Berkshire, on condition that a Charter be granted for a Chapter at that place.

Referred to the Committee on the Berkshire petition.

A petition from Bethel Lodge for leave to remove to Royalton, Stockbridge, or Rochester, was presented.

Referred to the Committee on the Berkshire petition.

On motion, voted that the communications received from the several Grand Chapters in the United States since the last communication of this Grand Chapter be referred to Comps. Moses Strong, George Robinson and Martin Roberts.

Grand Chapter called from labor to dispensation.

The Companions formed in procession and proceeded to the Meeting-house where the Rev. Amos Drury, Grand Chaplain, preached an excellent sermon.

After dining, the Grand Chapter was again called to labor on the Seventh Degree.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the decease of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

The Committee appointed on the communication from the chair in relation to the death of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, DeWitt Clinton, respectfully report to the Grand Chapter to adopt the following resolution, viz.:

In Grand Chapter, June 18, A. L. 5828.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter have learned with deep regret the afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence in removing from this world our distinguished citizen and eminent Mason, DeWitt Clinton, late General Grand High Priest of the General Royal Arch Chapter of the United States; that we sincerely sympathize with his afflicted family and with the Masonic fraternity throughout the United States on this mournful occasion, and that it be recommended to the members of this Grand Chapter and to the members of the several Chapters and Mark Lodges under their jurisdiction to wear the customary badge of mourning thirty days.

Charles K. Williams,)
Gordon Newell, } Committee.
Artemas Robbins,)

Comp. Hodges introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Rev. Companion Amos Drury for his excellent discourse this day delivered, and present him with the sum of $25, and also to request a copy of his sermon for the press.

Comp. Newell was appointed said Committee.

Comps. Purdy, Blackmer and Willson were appointed a Committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected :

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Naphtali Shaw, 2d,	Grand King.
E. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Amos Drury,	Grand Chaplain.
" Rodney C. Royce,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Silas H. Hodges,	Grand Stewards.
" Aaron Barnes,	
" Abel Page,	
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel.

Comps. Gordon Newell, Martin Roberts and John Goldsbury were appointed as a Finance Committee.

The Committee appointed on the petition of the Companions of Berkshire made the following report, which was accepted :

Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont. Annual Communication at Rutland, June 18, *A. L.* 5828.

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions, Royal Arch Masons, praying for a Charter constituting them a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be called La Fayette Chapter, and to be located at the village in the Eastern town of Berkshire, in the County of Franklin, have duly considered the same, and report that, in the opinion of your Committee, the prayer of said petition ought to be granted; and that Amherst Willoughby be appointed High Priest, William Barber, King, and Thomas Fuller, Scribe, of said Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID RUSSELL, for Committee.

The Committee on the petition of Franklin Mark Lodge, made report as follows :

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont at their annual communication at Rutland this 18th day of June, A. L. 5828. Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the foregoing communication of Franklin Mark Lodge respectfully report that in the opinion of your Committee said Lodge ought to be permitted to surrender their charter and that this Grand Chapter do relinquish their claim to the furniture, funds and jewels of said Lodge, and transfer them to LaFayette Chapter at East Berkshire.

DAVID RUSSELL, for Committee.

Which was accepted, and the Charter of Franklin Mark Lodge, No. 12, was surrendered to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for the removal of Bethel Mark Lodge, made the following report :

Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont. Annual Communication at Rutland, June 18, *A. L.* 5828.

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Mark Lodge in Bethel, praying for liberty to remove said Lodge to Royalton, Stockbridge or Rochester, but not to remain in any one of those towns more than two years in succession, have duly considered the same, and report, that, in the opinion of your Committee, the prayer of said Mark Lodge, ought so far to be granted as to authorize said Lodge to remove to Royalton, there to remain till the further dispensation of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID RUSSELL, for Committee.

The Committee on Communications received from sundry Grand Chapters the past year, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, now sitting at Rutland.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communications from the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, beg leave to report that they have examined the communications which have been received by this Grand Chapter for the past year, and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Communications received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapters for the year past be deposited in the Archives of this Grand Chapter, and that the Secretary be requested to transmit to the several Grand Royal Arch Chapters in the United States, copies of the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its present session.

M. STRONG, for Committee.

Rutland, June 18th, 5828.

Comp. Newell made report that he had, in pursuance of his appointment, waited on the E. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Amos Drury, and that he would prepare and deliver over a copy of his sermon for the press, as soon as convenient.

On motion voted, that the Grand Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 1000 copies (of the sermon this day delivered) at the expense of this Grand Chapter, and distribute the same to the Mark Lodges and Chapters in this State.

The officers-elect were then duly installed.

Lectured on the Fourth Degree.

Lectured on the Seventh Degree.

Comp. Strong presented the following resolutions:

Resolved: That a Committee of three be appointed to take Benjamin Lord's and Charles K. Williams' note for whatever sum is due from the Treasurer to this Grand Chapter, with a mortgage on landed property to secure the same, payable on demand with such interest as the Bank of Rutland will allow, and whatever sum shall be paid by said Lord said Committee are directed to deposit in the Bank of Rutland, at such interest as shall be agreed upon by said Committee and said Bank; and also

Resolved: That Rodney C. Royce be an agent to discharge any mortgage executed in conformity with the foregoing resolution on the receipt and depositing in the Bank of Rutland the aforesaid money.

All which was adopted, and Comps. Hannibal Hodges, Newell and Royce, appointed said Committee.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Statement of the Treasury of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, June 18, 1828.

Balance in Treasury as per settlement in June, 1827,		$1,558.50
Cash received of Grand Secretary,		408.00
		$1,966.50
From which deduct the following:		
Cash paid Grand Chaplain,	$25.00	
" paid Steward's bill,	101.00	
" paid Tyler, per vote,	5.00	
" Note against O. Fuller and others given up,	70.34	
" paid M. Strong's account per vote,	12.00	
" paid Widow Graves, yearly donation,	10.00	

Cash paid to constitute Rev. Joseph W. Sawyer, member of A. B. Society,	30.00	
" paid for printing,	15.50	$268.84
		$1,697.66
Interest on $1,622.66 at 4 per cent,		64.90
		$1,762.56
The whole money with interest now in hands of Treasury,		1,717.56
Also note against J. H. Cotton,		45.00
		$1,762.56
To which add $15.64 now in hands of Secretary,		15.64
		$1,778.20
From which deduct Secretary's account against the Chapter,		30.00
		$1,748.20

JOHN GOLDSBURY, G. NEWELL, MARTIN ROBERTS, } Committee.

Which was accepted.

Steward's bill presented and allowed, $91.80.

On motion, voted that the Grand Treasurer be directed to present the Tyler eight dollars as a donation in addition to his regular fees.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That, the Grand Treasurer be directed to forward to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society the sum of thirty dollars for the purpose of constituting the Rev. Amos Drury a life member of said society.

Paid the Grand Treasurer One Hundred and Seventy dollars, being all the monies received at this communication.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 17, A. L. 5829. and opened on the Fourth or Mark Degree.

PRESENT.

R. W. Joel Clap,	Master.
W. Silas Bowen,	Senior Warden.
W. Nathan B. Haswell,	Junior Warden.
B. Benjamin Lord,	Treasurer.
B. Joel Green,	Secretary.
B. Benjamin Smith,	Master Overseer.
B. Jared W. Copeland,	Senior Overseer.
B. Barnabas Ellis,	Junior Overseer.
B. John Cobb,	Tyler.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Amos Drury, the several Mark Lodges were called on to make returns, and were represented as follows :

The following Mark Lodges were represented and paid their dues :

No. 2, Union, Middlebury,
" 4, Morning Star, Fairhaven,
" 11, Bethel, Bethel,
" 13, Clinton, Brandon,
" 14, Orange, Strafford.

The following Mark Lodges were not represented :

No. 5, Windsor, Windsor,
" 8, Washington, Woodstock,
" 15, Lamoille, Fairfax.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, represented by Lavius Fillmore, proxy for John M. Weeks, Master.

OFFICERS.

JOHN M. WEEKS,	Master.
IRA GIFFORD,	Senior Warden.
CLARK C. CADY,	Junior Warden.

ALLEN MILLS, Secretary.

No. work. No dues.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Poultney, represented by Barnabas Ellis, proxy for Master and Senior Warden.

OFFICERS.

ALONZO HOWE,	Master.
OLIVER MORANVILLE,	Senior Warden.
ELEAZER LYMAN,	Junior Warden.

Poultney, June 15, 5829.

JOHN RANSOM, 2d, Secretary.

No business done.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, represented by Master, and proxy for Senior and Junior Warden.

OFFICERS.

JAMES P. CLEVELAND,	Master.
ASA PARTRIDGE,	Senior Warden.
LOVEL HIBBARD,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Nathan M. Carpenter,	Royalton,	July 1, 1828.
John M. Carney,	"	Jany. 6, 1829.

Dan Crane expelled May 4, 1829.

Royalton, June 15, 1829.

COYT PARKHURST, Secretary.

Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon, represented by Master.

OFFICERS.

Barzillai Davenport,	Master.
Edward Jackson,	Senior Warden.
George W. Kelly,	Junior Warden.

Brandon, June 17, 5829.

B. Davenport Master, for Secretary.

No business done.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Strafford, represented by Master.

OFFICERS.

George W. Alger,	Master.
Jonathan Frary,	Senior Warden.
Albigence Pierce,	Junior Warden.

Strafford, June 15, 5829.

Jacob H. Morrill, Secretary.

No business done.

On motion, voted that the article which requires the Lectures to be given every day of the session of this Grand Chapter be dispensed with.

Opened in due and ancient form on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Silas Bowen,	Grand King.
E. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Amos Drury,	Grand Chaplain.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Silas W. Hodges,	Grand Stewards.
" Aaron Barnes,	Grand Stewards.
" Abel Page,	Grand Stewards.
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel.

The following Chapters were represented and paid their dues :

No. 1, Green Mountain, Rutland,
" 3, Jerusalem, Vergennes, (no returns),
" 4, Temple, Bennington,
" 6, Windsor, Windsor,
" 7, Mount Lebanon, Bradford,
" 10, Social, Pawlet,
" 12, Burlington, Burlington,
" 13, Randolph, Randolph,
" 14, Farmers, Sudbury.

The following Chapters were not represented :

No. 2, Champlain, St. Albans,
" 5, King Solomon, Montpelier,
" 8, Lebanon Forest, Brattleboro,
" 9, Washington, Chester,
" 11, Zerubabel, Danville,
" 15, Lafayette, Berkshire.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Butland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

Alvin E. Parker,	High Priest.
Hiram Watkins,	King.
Benjamin Smith,	Scribe.

Aaron Barnes, Secretary.

Rutland, June 17, 1829.

No business done.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, represented by Jared W. Copeland, proxy for H. P.

No. returns.

Excused by vote.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented by Scribe with proxy for H. P. and K.

OFFICERS.

NATHAN BOWEN,	High Priest.
SAMUEL SCOTT,	King.
SAMUEL H. BLACKMER,	Scribe.

F. BREACKENRIDGE, Secretary.

Bennington, June 15, 1829.

No business done.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by Comp. Wakefield, with proxy for K. and S.

OFFICERS.

JOHN WAKEFIELD,	High Priest.
WILLIAM DONOGHUE,	King.
CHAUNCEY M. CHAMBERLAIN,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.
Charles Elalstan,	Hartland,	Aug. 20, 1828.

JAMES JONES, JR., Secretary.

Windsor, June 15, 1829.

Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by Comp. May, with proxy for K. and S.

OFFICERS.

ELISHA MAY,	High Priest.
TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD,	King.
HORACE STRICKLAND,	Scribe.

NAPHTALIA SHAW, 2D, Secretary.

Bradford, June 9, 1829.

No business done.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Comp. Jones, with proxy for K , and Comp. Edgerton, with proxy for S.

OFFICERS.

ZERA F. WRIGHT, High Priest.
RETURN STRONG, King.
ASA S. JONES, Scribe.
JAMES H. WILLARD, Secretary.

Pawlett, June 15th, 1829.

No business done.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by High Priest, with proxy for K. and S.

OFFICERS.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest.
DAVID RUSSELL, King.
JAMES S. SAWYER, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Luther Lincoln,	Williston,	June 9, 1828,	Dec. 10, 1828.
Jason Washburn,	Burlington	Feb. 13, 1827,	" "
Philander Vaughan,	Williston,	Aug. 20. 1828,	

JAMES L. SAWYER, Secretary.

Burlington, June, 15, 1829.

Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph represented by High Priest, with proxy for K. and S.

OFFICERS.

REUBEN PECK, High Priest.
THOMAS WILBUR, King.
ELIAS CARPENTER, Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Solomon Holman,	Braintree,	Aug. 28, 1829,	Aug. 28, 1829.
Caleb Hobart,	Randolph,	Feb. 19, 1829,	Feb. 19, 1829.

Harvey Lawson, expelled April 3, 1829.

DAN. BLODGETT, Secretary.

Randolph, June 17, 1829.

Dues paid, $9.00

No. 14. Farmers' Chapter, Sudbury, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

B. Davenport, High Priest.
Wait Branch, King.
Isaac Wheadon, Scribe.

Whitfield Walker, Secretary.

Sudbury, June 17, 1829.

No business done.

On motion of Comp. Moses Strong:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to notify those Chapters and Mark Lodges not represented in this Grand Chapter, at this communication to appear at the next regular communication of this Grand Chapter, and show cause if any they have, why their charters should not be surrendered.

Chapter called from labor to dispensation, forthe purpose of attending the public exercises of the day. Procession formed under the direction of James Barrett, jr., Grand Marshall, and proceeded to the Brick Meeting-house, where religious services were held and a sermon by the Rev. Amos Drury, Grand Chaplain, from Isaiah 21, II—"Watchman what of the night!" After dining at Comp. Abel Page's, called from dispensation to labor on the Seventh Degree.

Voted that communications from the General Grand Chapter of the United States be rererred to Comps. Davenport, Silas H. Hodges, and Jared W. Copeland.

Comps. Purdy, Blackmer and May, were appointed a Finance Committee.

Comp. A. B. Haswell, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be, and he is bereby authorized in the event of the destruction of the original Charter of Burlington Chapter, to issue an exemplification thereof, without cost to said Burington Chapter, on application of the High Priest of said Burlington Chapter.

The following resolution introduced by Comp. Strong was adopted :

Resolved, that a committee be appointed by the chair to present the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Rev. Amos Drury, for his sermon this day delivered, and present him with the sum of thirty dollars.

Comp. Strong was appointed as the committee.

M E. Comp. Clapp, presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, that the several Chapters and Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter be, and they hereby are, requested to refrain from the use of ardent spirits at their regular and special communications, and that this Grand Chapter recommend to the individual members of the fraternity, to exert their influence in favor of the efforts now making, to arrest the progress of Intemperance.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

In Grand Chapter, June A. L. 5829. Benjamin Lord Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter.

To Grand Chapter Dr.

June 17th, 1828.	
To amount of cash in Treasurer's hand,	$ 1887.56
" Interest on $1467, 37 of the above at 4 per cent. to June 17, 1829,	58.69
" Note against John H. Cotton,	45.00
" Interest on cash in Bank at 4 per cent.	8.00
	1999.25

Cr.

June 17, 1828.	
By Cash paid G. Chaplain,	$ 25.00
" " " Stewards bill,	91.83
" " " Widow Graves,	10.00
" " " G. Tyler per vote,	10.00
" " " balance of G. Sec'y account,	14.36
" " " American Bible Society for Rev. A. Drury,	30.00
" " " into the Bank,	200.00
" " " for printing,	39.00
	420.19

Amount of debt,	$ 1999.25
Amount of Cr.	420.19
Balance,	1579.06
To which add $60, in Grand Sec'y hand,	60.
	1639.06
From which deduct Grand Sec'y account,	34.18
	$ 1604.88
To which add cash in Bank,	200.00
	$ 1804.88

All which is respectfully submitted.

By J. Purdy, Sam'l H Blackmer, Elisha May, } Com.

Rutland, June 17, 1829.

Comps. Edgerton, Smith and Ellis were appointed a Committee to sort and count the votes, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected and installed, to wit:

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Hannibal Hodges,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Naphtali Shaw, 2d,	Grand King.
E. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Hadley Procter,	Grand Chaplain.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Smith,	Grand Visitor.
" Silas H. Hodges, " Aaron Barnes, " Abel Page,	Grand Stewards.
" John Cobb,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Comp Strong made report that he had performed the duty assigned him, and returned the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Rev. Companion Amos Drury, and presented him $30.

Comp. N. B. Haswell presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Rodney C. Royce be, and he is hereby constituted an agent in behalf of the Grand Chapter, to receive the note and mortgage executed by Benjamin Lord and Charles K. Williams, agreeably to a resolution introduced by Companion Strong, at the last annual communication, and that the said Royce be empowered to discharge the mortgage on the payment of principal and interest according to the tenor thereof.

Comp. Page presented the Stewards bill, $77.22, which was ordered paid.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Foreign Grand Chapters made the following report :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont :

Your Committee to whom was referred Foreign Communications beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the communications from the Grand Chapters of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, in all which they find nothing necessary of special notice; they therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the communications received the year past by this Grand Chapter, be deposited in the archives of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to the several Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the United States of America copies of the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its present session.

MOSES STRONG for Committee

The Committee appointed on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States made the following report :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont :

The Committee to whom was referred a "Constitution of the General Convention of the State Grand Chapters," etc., proposed by a Committee appointed by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, "to consider whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the General Grand Constitution," beg leave to report

that they have given the subject such attention as the very short space of time allowed them for this duty permitted, and although they find much in the proposed Constitution to approve, yet as a whole they are reluctantly compelled to decline recommending it. Their cursory examination precludes them from a full explanation of their objections to it, but they feel themselves bound to point out the following as too important to be compensated by all the advantages of the proposed amend, ments.

In the first place they object to the appointment of Grand Visitors in the State Grand Chapters, and more particularly of a General Grand Visitor in the General Grand Chapter. The peculiar functions of these officers can,and ought most appropriately to be performed by their superiors. As Visitors, they are not known, and have no place in the Chapter. Their appointment mars the symmetry, and forms a novel and incongruous appendage of the chaste, and simple fabric of Ancient Free Masonry. In compensating them for their services we are giving an honorable reward to those, who, while they enable their superiors to evade the performance of some of their most important duties, give us but too much reason to believe that they do it, less for the good of the craft than their own private emolument. And for this purpose we are desired to squander those funds which our brethren have assisted in providing as well for their own relief in time of need, as for the support of the destitute widows and orphans of their deceased companions. There is too much reason to fear that this appointment will be attributed to that spirit of vain and foolish ostentation which has been of late so warmly imputed to us. Highly obnoxious as this charge has proved to our means of doing good, the introduction of this expensive novelty seems at this time of all others extremely impolitic.

Your Committee join with the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in deprecating the evil which they apprehend from the use of proxies when extended to the past officers of the General and State Grand Chapters. And, with one exception, they cheerfully approve of the provisions for obviating these evils which are found in Sec. 4, Art. I, of the proposed Constitution. But to deprive the past officer of the right to give proxies, while the privilege of voting in person is left to him seems to them pregnant with worse consequences than could be feared from the original provisions. The evil to be apprehended from the present Constitution is that the influence of the past officers will soon outweigh that of the representatives of the subordinate Chapters. To insist on the personal ttendance of the former is virtually giving the same influence to those

past officers who reside near the places where the several Grand Chapters usually meet, On questions involving local interests this influence, as we have too much reason to believe, will be used less for the general benefit of our institution than for the gratification of personal feelings. And let it be observed that it is on local questions that we have most to fear from the voice of self-interest. Your Committee therefore would advise the omission of this clause. But in so doing they would further suggest that they have in the course of their inquiries been led to the conclusion that the better course would be to entirely exclude the past officers; as such, from a seat in the Grand Chapters.

The fifth and seventh sections of the same article seem to them deficient. The former should expressly provide that the State Grand Chapters be notified of the special meetings of the General Grand Chapter. The seventh section, that the Chapters, etc., holden by Warrant or Dispensation from the officers of the General Grand Chapter or General Convention, should cease to pay them the dues therein stipulated for Companions subsequently exalted whenever a State Grand Chapter should be established to which those Chapters should of right be subordinate.

The provisions of the ninth section are at this juncture loudly called for and seem well calculated to meet the object in view. Great doubts are, however, entertained whether the tribunal there indicated will meet the approbation of the fraternity. But it is most certain that the decisions ought never to be in the power of a minority of that tribunal. A grave and important constitutional question is submitted to the final decision of any two out of five selected individuals. And if two of these decide one way and two another, we are not only left in doubt as to the result, but each judgment being conclusive, it is beyond the power of the fifth to interfere and determine the question.

This Committee do not feel competent to lay before the Grand Chapter any definite opinion upon the several provisions relative to the Councils of Royal and Select Masters. They can only submit their doubts whether a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as such, however respectable, are capable of deciding upon the interests of a body with whose exigencies it may happen that not one of them is acquainted.

It is with pleasure that your Committee leave this subject to repeat their approbation of the proposed Constitution in most of its other peculiarities. Some of the improvements have been incidentally noticed already. There are others which seem equally well calculated to meet the wants of the community, but which the lateness of the hour prevents

them from noticing more particularly. They cannot however pass over among these the attempt to expressly define those Constitutional powers of the General Chapter, which ought never to have been left for implication and conjecture.

Finally, with the exception of those provisions which have been objected to, your Committee heartily recommend the important alterations presented by this Code, as valuable improvements upon the present system.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SILAS H. HODGES for the Committee.

On motion of Companion Haswell,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the choir of singers who have attended the public exercises of the day, and that the sum of $3 be presented by the Treasurer to Mr. William T. Knowlton for his services on this occasion.

Voted that the Grand Tyler receive eight dollars in addition to his regular fees.

Comp. Haswell presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be appointed a Committee to procure an insurance in behalf of this Grand Chapter to the amount of $400 on the Masonic Hall and furniture therein contained belonging to said Chapter.

The Throne of Grace having been humbly and impressively addressed by the Rev. and Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joel Clap, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

June 24, 1829, delivered over to Rodney C. Royce the note against B. Lord and Charles K. Williams, dated June 17, 1828, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont was held at Masons Hall in Rutland, June 16th, A. L. 5830, and opened on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Joel Clap,	Grand High Priest.
E. Silas Bowen,	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. David Russell,	as Grand King.
E. Moses Strong,	as Grand Scribe.
E. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. Hadley Proctor,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
" Aaron Barnes,	Grand Stewards.
" Abel Page,	
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Returns of Mark Lodges and Chapters :

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge, Middlebury, not represented.

No. 4. Morning Star Mark Lodge, Fairhaven, represented by Barnabas Ellis, but no returns.

No. 5. Windsor Mark Lodge, Windsor, represented by Comp. John S. Skinner with proxy for Master.

OFFICERS.

Calvin Chapin, Jr.,	Master.
John Burnham,	Senior Warden.
Charles E. Colston,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
John W. Emery,	Reading,	Aug. 13, 1828.
Asa Tinkham,	Hartland,	Feb. 11, 1829.

Windsor, May 12, 1830.

RUFUS ROOT, Jr., Secretary.

Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 8. Washington Mark Lodge, Woodstock; voted that Washington Mark Lodge be excused from further proceedings.

No. 11. Bethel Mark Lodge, Bethel, not represented; excused per vote.

No. 14. Orange Mark Lodge, Strafford, represented by Comp. Smith. J. W.

OFFICERS.

ALBIGENCE PIERCE,	Master.
JONATHAN FRARY,	Senior Warden.
FREDERICK SMITH, JR.,	Junior Warden.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.
Abial Stevens,	Bethany, N. Y.,	Sept. 16, 1829.

Strafford June 10, 1830.

CHASE DOW, Secretary.

Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 15. Lamoille Mark Lodge, Fairfax, not represented.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

HIRAM WATKINS,	High Priest.
JAMES BARRETT, Jr.,	King.
SILAS H. HODGES,	Scribe.
AARON BARNES,	Secretary.

No business done.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, represented by proper officers.

OFFICERS.

John Nason,	High Priest.
Isaac Hill,	King.
Joseph Parmalee,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
David P. Clark,	Georgia,	Jany. 1828.	
Harry T. Wilson,	Fairfax,		April, 1828.
Homer E. Hubbell,	"		" "
John Warner,	Cambridge,	Jany. 1829.	Sept. 1829.
Eldad S. Butler,	St. Albans,		March "
William R. Neil,	"		" "

St. Albans, June 12, 1830.

Leonard Robinson, Secretary, pro tem.

Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes, not represented.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington, represented by Leonard Sargent proxy for High Priest, and King.

OFFICERS.

Nathan Bowen,	High Priest.
Samuel Scott,	King.
Samuel Blackmer,	Scribe.
Francis Breackenridge,	Secretary.

No business done.

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter, Montpelier, represented by John Goldsbury, proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Howes,	High Priest.
Jeduthan Loomis,	King.
Samuel Goss,	Scribe.
John Goldsbury,	Secretary.

No business done.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, represented by King.

OFFICERS.

C. M. Chamberlin,	High Priest.
John P. Skinner,	King.
Timothy Nutting,	Scribe.
W. W. Leverett,	Secretary.

No business done.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, not represented.

OFFICERS.

Elisha May,	High Priest.
Horace Strickland,	King.
Charles B. Clark,	Scribe.

George W. Cook, Fairlee, advanced June 8, 1830.

Bradford, June 9, 1830.

Andrew B. Peters, Secretary.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro, represented by proper officers,

OFFICERS.

Samuel Root,	High Priest.
Aaron Barney,	King.
Wm. H. Williams,	Scribe.
Henry Clark,	Secertary.

No business done.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, not represented.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by Scribe.

OFFICERS.

Zerah F. Wright,	High Priest.
Return Strong,	King.
Asa S. Jones,	Scribe.
Jonathan Robinson,	Secretary, pro tem.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, not represented.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by King.

Returns of Burlington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 12, *under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, to the Grand Chapter to be convened at Rutland on the* 16*th day of June A. L.* 5830.

Owing to the loss of our furniture, jewels, records and hall, we have been unable to do any other business than that of the election of officers, and the passing such votes and making such arrangements as have proved necessary to unite and keep the Companions in the bonds of Masonic and brotherly duty, and prepare a hall for our future labors, which we are happy to say is in great forwardness. The principal officers chosen agreeably to our former by-laws for the current year are :

Nathan B. Haswell,	High Priest.
David Russell,	King.
Henry Thomas,	Scribe.

And there are no dues to the Grand Chapter, but a perfect cordiality of feeling. We are happy to communicate to the Grand Chapter that, although the dark clouds and angry threatening of the demon, Anti-Masonry, has long been hovering around our hemisphere, the little spot we stand on seems thus far to have escaped its influence and its fangs. It is to be hoped we shall steer clear of the rock on which others have split, and we have no doubt of the cordial co-operation and parental support of the Grand Chapter, to whom this return is submitted.

George Robinson, Secretary.

Burlington, June 14, A. L. 5830.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph, represented by High Priest.

OFFICERS.

Thomas Wilber,	High Priest.
Elias Carpenter,	King.
Nathan Kimball,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Henry Thayer,	Randolph,	March, 1830.	March, 1830.

We have had but one seceeder from the ranks of our Chapter. The Companions in this vicinity are firmly attached to the institution.

Randolph, June 14, 1830.

Titus Washburn, Secretary.

Dues paid, $3.00

No. 14. Farmers Chapter, Sudbury, represented by High Priest,

OFFICERS.

Samuel H. Pardy,	High Priest.
Enoch Smith,	King.
Daniel G. Horton,	Scribe.

Sudbury, June 3, 1830.

Henry I. Horton, Secretary.

No business done.

No. 15. Lafayette Chapter, Berkshire, represented by Comp. O. D. S. Gallup, with proxy for the officers.

OFFICERS.

Samuel S. Butler,	High Priest.
Amherst Willoughby,	King.
David Coburn,	Scribe.

Name.	Residence.	Exalted.
Phineas Bailey,	Berkshire,	Sept. 23, 1828.
Ezra Wood,	"	" "
D. B. Blakeley,	"	" "
Robert Barber,	Enosburgh,	Oct. 7, "
George W. Woodworth,	Berkshire,	" "
Joseph Bowdish,	Fairfield,	Dec. 2, "
O. D. S. Gallup,	Sheldon,	" 25, "
Dan H. Benjamin,	Berkshire,	Oct. 7, "
David Farnham,	Enosburgh,	Nov. 4, "
Henry N. Janes,	Montgomery,	" 19, "
Samuel Stanhope,	Enosburgh,	Jan. 11, 1829.
Elijah Phelps,	Berkshire,	" "
Alvin House,	Enosburgh,	" "
Perley Hall,	Berkshire,	Feb. "
Sherman Cummings,	"	May 14, "
Stephen Burleson,	"	June 22, "
——— Gordon,	"	Dec. 10, "
Harvey Clark,	"	" "
Enos Kellogg,	Enosburgh.	Feby. 4, "
Jasper Chaffee,	Berkshire,	April 8, "
Penuel Levins,	"	" "

Berkshire, June 3, 1830.

Ezra Wood, Secretary.

Dues paid, $48.00.

Companions Royce, Goldsbury and Root were appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Called from labor to dispensation on the Seventh Degree, after which a procession was formed under the charge of Comp. James Barrett, Jr., Grand Marshal, which proceeded to the Meeting house where an appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. Hadley Procter, Grand Chaplain.

After dining, returned to the Hall and called from dispensation to labor on the Seventh Degree.

Comp. Moses Strong was appointed a Committee to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the Rev. Hadley Procter, Grand Chaplain, for his excellent discourse this day delivered, and also to present him with the sum of thirty dollars.

Comps. Strong, Sargent and Skinner were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion, voted that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay Mr. William S. Knowlton, leader of the music, $4.

On motion of Comp. Strong,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify those Chapters and Mark Lodges not represented in the Grand Chapter at this communication, to appear at the next Regular Communication of this Grand Chapter, and show cause, if any they have, why their Charters should not be surrendered: and if they find it unprofitable to the craft to hold their Charters, and to be represented in this Grand Chapter, that they be requested to appear and surrender their Charters at the next Communication of this Grand Chapter.

The following Companions were duly elected officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the year ensuring, viz.:

M. E.	Silas Bowen,	Grand High Priest.
E.	David Russell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	John Goldsbury,	Grand King.
E.	Leonard Sargeant,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
"	Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
"	and Rev. Hadley Proctor,	Grand Chaplain.

Comp. James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
" John Purdy,	Grand Visitor.
" Silas H. Hodges,	Grand Stewards.
" Aaron Barnes,	
" Abel Page,	
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Grand officers installed.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted :

Grand Royal Arch Chapter in account with Benjamin Lord.

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By amount of Cash in Treasurer's hands June, 1829, as per settlement,	$1526 06
By cash received of Grand Secretary,	19 00
	$1545 06

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June 16, 1829.		
Cash paid Grand Chaplain,	$30 00	
" " " Tyler,	10 00	
" " Steward's bill,	77 22	
" " Leader of music,	3 00	
" " Companion Clapp,	65 00	
" " " Tucker,	30 00	
" " " Hodges,	30 00	
" " for printing,	11 10	
		$256 32
Leaving,		1288 74
To which add interest up to June 1, 1830,		51 55
		$1340 29
Balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer on the 16th day of June, 1830,		725 29
Funds in Bank,		208 00
Interest on the same one year,		8 32
Also in Bank,		600 00

Interest on the same 7½ months,	15 00
Note against John H. Cotton,	45 00
Balance in Grand Secretary's hands last settlement,	25 82
Total amount of funds in the Treasury, June 16, 1830,	$1627 43

B. Lord, Grand Treasurer.

Grand Secretary's account allowed at $36.25.

M. Strong for Committee.

Rev. Joel Clap presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter highly approve of the resolution of the American Bible Society, passed at its annual meeting in May, 1829, to supply every destitute family in the United States with a copy of the Holy Bible within two years, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society the sum of one hundred dollars, to be applied to that object.

The Committee on Foreign Communications made the following report :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont :

Your Committee to whom were referred the communications from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Louisiana, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the communications from said states, and find nothing in any of them particularly demanding any order of this Grand Chapter.

Rodney C. Royce for Committee

Which was accepted.

Comp. Goldsbury presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Rodney C. Royce be appointed an agent to discharge any mortgage deeds and take new ones in their stead, as he shall think

best, for and in behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, and receive any notes that may be executed for the same.

Stewards' bill allowed at $71.71.

Paid over to the Grand Treasurer $66.00.

Closed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 15, A. L. 5831, and opened on the Fourth or Mark Degree.

PRESENT.

R. W. Silas Bowen,	Master.
W. David Russell.	Senior Warden.
W. Isaac Wheadon,	Junior Warden.

The Throne of Grace having been addressed, the several Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, were then called on to make their returns, and were represented as follows:

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge Middlebury, represented by Comp. L. Fillmore, as proxy for Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden.

No. 4. Morning Star,	Fairhaven,	Represented.
No. 5. Windsor,	Windsor,	"
No. 8. Washington,	Woodstock,	"
No. 13. Clinton,	Brandon,	"
No. 14. Orange,	Strafford,	"
No. 15. Lamoille,	Fairfax,	"

Lectured on this degree and Mark Lodge dispensed with and opened in due and ancient form in the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Silas Bowen,	Grand High Priest.
E. David Rulsell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Isaac Wheadon,	as Grand King.
E. Samuel Willson,	as Grand Scribe.

Comp. Benjamin Lord,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshall.
" John Purdy,	Grand Visitor.
" Silas H. Hodges,	Grand Steward.
" Abel Paige,	Grand Steward.
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

PRESENT.

Return Strong,	D. H. Benjamin,
Moses Strong,	Naphthali Shaw,
R. C. Royce,	E. Carpenter,
L. Fillmore.	

Voted to appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and Companions Moses Strong, Return Strong and Samuel Wilson were so appointed.

A Committee was appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer called a Committee on finance, and Companions John Purdy, S. H. Hodges and Isaac Wheadon were appointed said Committee.

The several Chapters were called on to make their Returns, and were represented as follows, viz.:

No. 1. Green Mountain, Rutland represented by High Priest, King and Scribe.

No. 2. Champlain, St. Albans, not represented.

No. 3. Jerusalem, Vergennes, represented by King, and proxy for High Priest.

No. 4. Temple, Bennington, not represented.

No. 5. King Solomon's Chapter, Montpelier, not represented.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor, not represented.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by High Priest and Naphtali Shaw, 2d, with proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Brattleboro, not represented.

No. 9. Washington, Chester, not represented.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by High Priest and proxy for King.

No. 11. Zerubabel, Danville, not represented.

No. 12. Burlington, Burlington, represented by King and proxy for High Priest.

No. 13. Randolph, Randolph, represented by High Priest

No. 14. Farmers', Sudbury, not represented.

No. 15. LaFayette, Berkshire, represented by D. H. Benjamin, proxy for High Priest King and Scribe.

Comp. R. C. Royce introduced the following Resolution :

Resolved.—That a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of dissolving the Grand Chapter, and all our connection with Free Masonry, and make report to this Grand Chapter.

And Companions Rodney C. Royce, Naphthali Shaw, Isaac Wheadon, Return Strong and Samuel Willson, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the communications made to this Grand Chapter during the year past, from other Masonic Bodies, and find nothing in any of them particularly requiring any order of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

MOSES STRONG, for Committee.

Rutland, Vt., June 15, A. L. 5831.

Voted to pay Comp. Enos, as a charitable donation, $30.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration, the surrender of the Charters and dissolution made the following report :

[Note.—Without action on the Report, and by mutual consent, the matter was postponed indefinitely. The Report cannot be found among the papers on file in the office of the Grand Secretary. M. E Grand High Priest Haswell, in his address at the reorganization of Burlington Chapter, says he could not find it among the Masonic papers of the Grand Chapter, that were entrusted to his care in 1842.

Without doubt it is the same as the one signed by Silas H. Hodges, and made August 3d, for which see proceedings of that date.

W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.]

The following letter of Nathan B. Haswell, High Priest of Burlington Chapter, No. 12, was read and ordered recorded

To Joel Green; Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

Worthy Companion:

An official communication under your hand, directed to the Secretary of Burlington Chapter, has been laid before me, stating that you were "requested by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and a number of "the Companions in your place, to inform our Chapter, that a Resolu-"tion to surrender the Charters of the Subordinate Chapters, and dis-"solve the Grand Chapter would probably be acted upon at the ap-"proaching session of the Grand Chapter."

I did not receive the communication in season to consult all our Companions in this section, on this important movement, and it being inconvenient for me to attend the Grand Chapter, I have given my proxy to our worthy Companion, David Russell, Esq., who will act for me under positive instructions, to vote against any Resolution of the nature you allude to.

Should a resolution to dissolve the Grand Chapter and receive the surrender of the Charters of the secular Chapters under its jurisdiction, or either of them be introduced, I must beg of you to lay this communication before the Grand Chapter.

I am opposed to dissolving the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, believing we have not, constitutionally, the power so to do. As the

Grand Chapter of a State, we have voluntarily entered into a general confederacy and have placed ourselves as a Grand Chapter, together with the Chapters under our jurisdiction, under the protection and direction of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and I am firmly of the opinion we cannot dissolve this allegiance without first obtaining the consent of that body.

I believe that consenting to dissolve the Grand Chapter of this State would be an infringement of the obligation I took, when elevated to the first office of a subordinate Chapter under its jurisdiction which was, that I would "support and maintain the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution of the United States."

I believe that a surrender of the rights above named, would be an infringement of one other important declaration I have assented to, which is—"that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make inovations in the Body of Masonry."

I believe a surrender of our Charters, which is asked for (no doubt by some conscientious Masons) would be highly detrimental to the Civil and Religious liberties of these United States. As a Masonic body, we now stand a connecting link which binds together these inestimable privileges, acknowledging the supremacy of no Religious sect, nor bowing the knee to any Political body or set of men on earth.

I believe that a steadfast and undeviating adherence to the principles of Masonry, will in the end convince our enemies of their error, and of the rectitude of our intentions—that when our Institution shall have become purged of its dross, she will come forth redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled from its nominal friends, and those ambitious, interested and selfish demagogues, who seek to elevate themselves, upon her ruin, and against such, I believe the hand-writing upon the wall, will appear legibly written, and be interpreted by the present and future generations, as it was in the time, and against the guilty Belshazzar.

"*Mene mene tekel, upharsin.*"

(You have been weighed in the balance, and found wanting.")

Believing in the justness of an overruling Providence, in bringing about events which may tend to correct errors that may have crept into our Institution, I will in conclusion, say, that as a humble individual, I sincerely hope the Grand Chapter will deliberately weigh a measure, which is of vital importance to her dignity—but should its voice be against me, and the decision made to dissolve its connection with other Grand Chapters, and with the General Grand Chapter, I then beg leave,

and claim the Masonic right to enter this, my solemn Protest against the measure, and have further to request, that it may be entered at large, upon the Journals or Records of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

June 10, 1831.

NATHAN B. HASWELL,
High Priest of Burlington Chapter.

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland.

OFFICERS.

JOHN PURDY, High Priest.
SILAS H. HODGES, King.
JAMES BARRETT, JR., Scribe.

No work.

AARON BARNES, Secretary.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes.

OFFICERS.

PHILLIP C. TUCKER, High Priest.
SAMUEL WILLSON, King.
LAVIUS FILLMORE, Scribe.

No work.

NORMAN MUNSON, Secretary.

No. 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington.

OFFICERS.

ENOCH SMITH, JR., High Priest.
DAN. G. HORTON, King.
WHITFIELD WALKER, Scribe.

No work.

H. I. HORTON, Secretary.

No. 7. Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Bradford.

OFFICERS.

ELISHA MAY, High Priest.
HORACE STRICKLAND, King.
CHARLES B. CLARK, Scribe.

No work.

ANDREW B. PETERS, Secretary.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet.

OFFICERS.

Return Strong,	High Priest.
Asa S. Jones,	King.
Jonathan Randall,	Scribe.

No work.

J. Edgerton, Jr., Secretary.

No 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington.

OFFICERS.

Nathan B. Haswell,	High Priest.
David Russell,	King.
Henry Thomas,	Scribe.

Advancement none.

Exaltations none.

Owing to the great excitement in this State against Masonry the officers of this Chapter have not been solicitious of doing much business. Of course no advancements in the degrees of Masonry have taken place in this Chapter the past year. Its members continue steadfast, and firmly attached to the principles they have expressed, and feel unwilling to surrender any privileges they may hold in common with Companions throughout the globe. They therefore renew their fidelity, and send with this communication their kind salutations to the Officers and Companions, comprising the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand (the seal of said Chapter having been destroyed by fire), this 13th day of June, A. L. 5831.

Geo. Robinson, Secretary.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph.

OFFICERS.

Elias Carpenter,	High Priest.
Nathan Kimball,	King.
Geo. Carpenter,	Scribe.

Samuel Austin, Jr., of Bethel, Exalted Dec. 30, 5830. $2.00.

Oramel Partridge, Secretary.

No. 14. Farmers Chapter, Sudbury.

OFFICERS.

Enoch Smith, Jr.,	High Priest.
H. I. Horton,	proxy for King.
Whitfield Walker,	Scribe.

No work.

H. I. Horton, Secretary.

No. 15. LaFayette Chapter, Berkshire.

Sam'l S. Butler,	High Priest.
Amherst Willoughby,	King.
John S. Webster,	Scribe.

Name.	Advanced.	Exalted.
Wm. Dwyer,	May 27, 1830,	
Hulet Clark,	" "	
James Morse.	Dec. 14, 1831,	Mar. 14, 1831,

O. F. Robinson, Scretary.

Cash paid Grand Treasurer, $3.00, it being all the monies received at this Communication.

Voted, That the Grand Chapter adjourn to meet again on the first Wednesday of August next at this place.

Attest, Joel Green, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, convened agreeably to adjournment in Masons' Hall Rutland, Wednesday Aug. 3d, 1831.

PRESENT.

M. E. Silas Bowen,	Grand High Priest.
E. Nathan B. Haswell.	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. John Purdy,	as Grand King.
Comp. Moses Strong,	as Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
" Silas H. Hodges,	Grand Steward.
" Abel Page,	Grand Steward.
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Sentinel.

Present the following Representatives of Chapters and Mark Lodges :

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter.

John Purdy,	High Priest.
Silas H. Hodges,	King.
James Barrett, Jr.,	Scribe.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans, not represented.

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter.

P. C. Tucker,	High Priest.
Stephen Haight,	proxy for King.
L. Fillmore, Jr.,	Scribe.

No. 4. Temple Chapter.

Anthony J. Haswell,	Proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe

No. 5. King Solomon Chapter.

Lavius Fillmore,	Proxy for High Priest.
Hezekiah H. Reed	Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter.

John H. Cotton,	Proxy for High Priest and Scribe.
John P. Skinner,	King.

No. 7. Mt. Lebanon Chapter.

Naphthali Shaw, 2d,	High Priest, and Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter.

SAMUEL ROOT, High Priest, and Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, Chester, not represented.

No. 10. Social Chapter.

RETURN STRONG, High Priest.
JONATHAN RANDALL, Scribe.

No. 11. Zerubabel Chapter.

ISAAH SILVER, Proxy for High Priest and King.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest, Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter.

E. CARPENTER, High Priest.
A. KIMBALL, King.
J. K. PARISH, Proxy for Scribe.

No. 14. Farmers Chapter.

ENOCH SMITH, JR., High Priest.
H. I. HORTON, Proxy for King.
W. WALKER, Scribe.

No. 15. Lafayette Chapter.

AMHERST WILLOUGHBY, King and Proxy for High Priest and Scribe.

No. 2. Union Mark Lodge.

LAVIUS FILLMORE, proxy for Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Companion Royce presented the following Resolution:

Resolved, that a Committee of three (or five) be appointed by the Grand High Priest, to report upon the expediency of dissolving this Grand Chapter, and surrendering its Charter

Adopted, and Companion Silas H. Hodges, Phillip C. Tucker, and John P. Skinner, were appointed said Committee.

Resolved to proceed to the choice of officers.

[Note.—This election was not held until Oct. 12th, 1831, at the adjourned meeting of the Grand Chapter at Montpelier.

W. H. S. WHITCOMB, Grand Secretary.]

Called from Labor to Dispensation, until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M.

Called from Dispensation to Labor.

Called from Labor to Dispensation, on the Seventh Degree.

Called to Labor on the Fourth Degree.

Called from Labor to Dispensation on the Fourth Degree.

Called to Labor on the Seventh Degree.

The Commtttee appointed to take into consideration the dissolution of the Grand Chapter, made the following Report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

A majority of the Committee to whose consideration was referred, the expediency of dissolving this Chapter beg leave to report.

That in our opinion, it is not merely expedient, but that duty imperviously demands that this body be dissolved, and we beg leave to express the reasons which have led us to this conclusion.

We believe Free Masonry to have been in its origin, a wise and salutary Association for the support of Social Order, and more particularly for the protection of its members against the violence and oppressions of the age. It also at early period, embraced as subordinate objects, the charitable relief of its members and their families, and the inculcation of a system of morality drawn chiefly from the Holy Scriptures; and as far as we know its precepts, they can not by any fair construction be brought to encourage disorder or faction, much less crime; neither are they generally so understood by the members, and we utterly deny that the Institution has ever been within our personal experience perverted to such, or even to Political purposes, on the contrary to obey every law of our country, and to exclude all political topics from our assemblies, have ever been standing rules of our Order, strenuously enforced, and continally adhered to.

Notwithstanding this, the peculiar organization of the society, has for centuries caused it to be regarded with at least a jealous eye. The present character and most inoffensive deportment of its members, have not protected it from the often repeated charges of political operations,

and a tendency to encourage faction and crime. But late occurances have led those out of our pale at the present day, to err as rudely in exaggerating its influence as any ever have, in conjecturing its object. Some mistaken brethren have undertaken to prevent a supposed breach of our laws, by an act of violence and injustice, which we not only utterly disclaim, and deny to be sanctioned by our principles, but assert it to have been in direct contravention of the fundamental object of our association. The public have too much reason, from the circumstances developed, to fear that the attempt terminated in a foul crime. The combined efforts of those concerned to screen themselves were confounded, (if they did not, in fact, coalesce), with the operations of pre-existing parties. These parties soon merged in the contest between the accuser and the accused, and of course, the exertions of the one ere long, became co-extensive with the operations of the other. What was in fact the influence and power of a party, was directly attributed to the Institution of Free Masonry. Former jealously and suspicion was thereby not only awakened, but inflamed into a political excitement unprecedented and extraordinary, as well for its furious and indiscriminate proscription as for its want of any adequate cause.

It is needless for us to detail all the mischief of this scourge of our land. Neither will we dwell upon the motives of those who have been most active in augmenting the evil. It is sufficient to observe, that the wicked designs of these, would be understood and prostrated with hardly an effort, were they not countenanced and supported by a large number of men who, from erroneous views of our power and purposes, sincerely object to our Institution, and demand its dissolution. These views, whether right or wrong, have become the sense of a large portion of the community, who feel justified by them, in taking any measures for the suppression of our society. On the other hand, the objects we propose for our pursuit have either lost their value, or may be much better obtained in some other way. If we determine to adhere to the Institution, and prefer these objects to the peace and welfare of society; we give our enemies no small reason to believe that our designs are more important than we are willing to admit. The inference is strong, that those ostensible objects conceal deeper schemes and purposes. And what those schemes and purposes are, can only be conjectured from the pretended disclosures of our apostate members, and the accusations of our enemies.

Our Institution having thus become not only useless, but highly detrimental to that social Order, which was the primary object of our asso-

ciation, we cannot, with any shadow of consistency, refuse to relinquish it. And that charity which we inculcate above all other virtues, loudly calls upon us to take this step. That charity and brotherly love, which, with Saint Paul says, "if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the world shall stand," requires us to abandon an Institution, however innocent, which is a cause of offence to the honest convictions of our brethren.

Nor ought we to pass over. without much consideration, the situation of that portion of community, who, from friendship to our members, have stood aloof from the contest, and are now involved in unrelenting and untiring persecutions raised by our enemies. They might well complain, if for the sake of the objects we profess to pursue, we should obstinately persist in involving them with ourselves in the evil of the storm which threatens us.

To comply with the honest objections of those who esteem our Institution dangerous, to do justice to the kindness and forbearance of our friends, to promote the good order of society, and the welfare and prosperity of our country, and for these reasons only, we consent to sacrifice our own heartfelt desire, and spare not the warmest affections of our hearts. We resign our Institution, which has been to us a cherished and admitted school of morality, which has exercised our best motives, and to which we shall ever associate the memory of some of our happiest hours and purest moments, (and lest a doubt should be cast upon the integrity of our Institution,) we recommend that all connection with the Institution be individually abandoned.

We therefore beg leave to propose the following Resolutions:

1st. That this Chapter hereby surrender it Charter, and is henceforth dissolved and cease to exist.

2d. That the funds of this Chapter be given to the Common School fund of this State.

3d. That a Committee of three be appointed to take charge of the funds of this Chapter, settle and pay all demands against the same, and transmit the balance according to the last Resolution.

4th. That a Committee of three be appointed to examine and approve the amounts of the last mentioned Committee, and to publish a Report of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted by

August 3rd, 1831.

SILAS H. HODGES,
Chairman of the Committee.

A minority of said Committee, made the following Report:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont now in session:

The minority of your Committee, appointed under a Resolution this day for the purpose of taking into consideration "the expediency of dissolving this Grand Chapter, and surrendering its Charter, beg leave to Report.

That the dissolution proposed, upon a fair and unprejudiced view of the subject, appears to be uncalled for by existing circumstances, and is entirely unnecessary. That an excitement of great malignity and power now exists in this State, against Free Masonry, in all its branches, is readily admitted; that members of this institution have individually been obliged to bear a bitter and most unrelenting p ersecution, both in their public relations and private interests, is a fact familiar to us all; that our enemies have in many instances, driven us from the Jury box, and have, almost universally, assailed us at the ballot box; that they have proclaimed us men unworthy of confidence by their public declamations, and have attacked our reputations as men and Masons, through the press, is no less true. We know these truths and deeply feel their severity. Ought we to yield to their power, if we cannot acknowledge them to be founded in justice? and can we do so? Is there a Companion among us who believes our persecutions to be merited, is there one who believes our principles to be corrupt and worthless, is there one who knows them to be subservient to political prostitution or private vice. If there is, that member ought to retire and proclaim it to the world; to sound it in the streets, and emblazon it upon the housetops. But, knowing, as we all do, that the contrary is true, to what are we asked to submit? It is said that public opinion demands our surrender, and the evidence of it, is that a political party has arisen among us, hostile to our existence, and to their hostility, for peace and quietness we are called to submit to give up our meetings, and to discontinue our connection, to forego our wishes and conform to theirs. Great Britain demanded of our forefathers a similar acquiescence in her opinion, a similar conformity to her principles. A handful of patriots resisted the demand, with ruin staring them in the face, and that resistance emancipated a continent from bondage. To such claims, no freeman can submit—they involve a dictation of opinion, and an attempt to control the judgment of men, at which in this free government, every man

ought to revolt. Let them be recognized and sanctioned here, let a political party see that it can control the judgments and principles of enlightened men, by fear ot its persecutions, and no human wisdom can foresee its consequences to the institutions of this country. Literature and Religion may yet wither under its blighting touch, and the scenes of Revolutionary France, be no fiction in America. If this remark seems visionary now, six years since it would have appeared mere so, had prophecy itself foretold the scenes of this day.

The minority of your Committee, therefore recommend that the resolution be dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Aug. 3, 1831.

PHILIP C. TUCKER.

A motion made to accept the Report of the Committee was largely discussed, and finally voted, that Companions Royce, Tucker and Hodges, be a Committee to so far revise the By-Laws, as to allow this Grand Chapter to be adjourned to Montpelier.

Voted. That in future, the Grand Chapter pay the travelling expenses, and expenses while attending the Grand Chapter at any adjourned meeting of said Chapter

The Committee appointed to revise the By-Laws, made the following Report which was adopted :

Resolved: That the first Article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter be so far altered and amended, as to permit an adjournment of the Grand Chapter to Montpelier, on the second Wednesday of October next, for one session only.

Companion Newell presented the following resolution which was adopted :

"In Grand Chapter, Aug. 3rd, A. L. 5831

Resolved. That the meeting of this Grand Chapter be adjourned to meet at the Masonic Hall at Montpelier, on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday of October next, at 9 o'clock A. M., and that the Secretary also be directed to send a written notice to the several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, of such adjournment.

On motion of Comp. Haswell, the consideration of the resolution offered by Comp. Royce, was postponed to the special session, to be held at Montpelier, Oct. 12th, 1831.

Voted to pay the Steward's bill,	$33 75
And also Benjamin Fay,	1.00
	$34.75

Companion Haight introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

In Grand Chapter, Aug. 3rd, A. L. 5831.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed consisting of three members to allow the companions their travelling expenses agreeably to the vote passed on that subject.

Return of King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Montpelier.

Joseph Hawes,	High Priest.
Jeduthan Loomis,	King.
Samuel Goss,	Scribe.

No work.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet in Montpelier on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 1831.

Attest, Joel Green, Grand Secretary.

[Note. The following letter of Nathan B. Haswell will set forth to the Companions more fully than any other document we have seen the state of affairs at this meeting.

W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.]

Burlington, Aug. 6th, 1831.

Rev. J. Nye:

I wrote you from Rutland in much haste, as I am now obliged to do, but you will excuse it, for I can readily anticipate your anxiety, to learn about our meeting.

The Grand Chapter was well represented in point of numbers, some delegates had written instructions to surrender, while others were instructed to say they surrendered, only at the point of the sword. The business commenced by the presentation ofa Resolution to surrender Char-

ters, and abandon Masonry; a committee of three were appointed, consisting of Hodges, (Lawyer of Rutland), Skinner of Windsor, and Tucker of Vergennes; the two former were in favor of giving up and accordingly perfected a lengthy Report. Tucker dissented, and drew up a counter Report, which reflects great credit upon him; the battle resumed, and was well fought on both sides; had we taken the vote, I am confident we should have prevailed by a small majority, but then there would unquestionably have been a surrender of some of the Charters, we wished to prevent this. As the business now stands, the Chapter is adjourned to the 12th October; the Grand Lodge convenes on the 11th, and the subject will then be brought up, and I think decided in our favor.

My plan is to have every Lodge in the State visited, and enforce upon them the necessity of being represented, for this purpose, I leave for Montpelier on Monday. I shall also address the Grand Master of such States as I can receive answers from, previous to the session. Will you take some interest in this business; and see some of our influential Masons, and request them to address me on the subject, let their communications be such as can be laid before the Grand Lodge. Your extensive acquaintance in the several States, will enable you to do much for us—request such gentlemen as may write, to address their letters to me at this place.

I assure you, it would give us great pleasure to see you, or any of our Masonic friends at Montpelier, (the session will be an interesting one,) and I hope for the honor of the State, as well as for Masonry, the result may be such, as to bind still closer, the friends of Civil and Religious liberty.

I shall be happy to hear from you often.

Yours truly,

NATHAN B. HASWELL.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont convened agreeably to adjournment, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1831, at Masons' Hall, Montpelier, and opened on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Silas Bowen,	Grand High Priest.
E. David Russell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Comp. Moses Strong,	as Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" and Rev. Robinson Smilie,	as Grand Chaplain.
" John Purdy,	Grand Visitor.
" Aaron Barney,	Grand Steward.
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

Past Grand Officers present, Lemuel Whitney, Past Grand High Priest. Gordon Newell,

Companions present, Rodney C. Royce, J. P. Skinner.

Representatives of Subordinate Mark Lodges and Chapters.

No. 13, Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon.

Thos. Davenport,	proxy for Worshipful Master.

No. 1, Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland.

John Purdy,	High Priest.

No. 2, Champlain Chapter, St Albans.

John Nason,	High Priest.
Asa S. Gove,	proxy for King.
Zerah Willoughby,	Scribe .

No. 3. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes.

Stephen Haight,	Proxy for High Priest.
Lavius Fillmore, Jr.,	" " King.
Lavius Fillmore,	" " Scribe.

No 4. Temple Chapter, Bennington.

Anthony J. Haswell,	King.
H. Blackmer,	Scribe.

No. 5. King Solomons Chapter, Montpelier.

Joseph Howes,	High Priest.
Hezekiah H. Reed,	Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 6. Windsor Chapter, Windsor.

John H. Cotton,	Proxy for High Priest.
J. S. Skinner,	King.

No. 7. Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Bradford.

Elish May,	High Priest and Proxy for King and Scribe.

No. 8. Lebanon Forest Chapter, Brattleboro'.

Aaron Barney,	King, and Proxy for High Priest.

No. 9. Washington Chapter, not represented.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet.

Appleton Fitch,	Proxy for High Priest and Scribe.
Jonathan Robinson,	" " King.

No, 11. Zerubabel Chapter, Danville, not represented.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington.

Nathan B. Haswell,	High Priest and Proxy for Scribe.
David Ruseell,	King.

No. 13. Randolph Chapter, Randolph.

Jacob K. Parish,	Proxy for High Priest.
Nathan Kimball,	King.
Geo. Carpenter,	Scribe.

No. 14. Farmers Chapter, Sudbury.

Enoch Smith, Jr.,	High Priest.
Barnard Ketchum,	Proxy for King.
James O. Walker,	" " Scribe.

No. 15. Lafayette Chapter, Berkshire.

Samuel S. Butler,	High Priest.
John S. Webster,	Proxy for King.
O. F. Robinson,	" " Scribe.

The throne of grace was addressed by Rev. Comp. Robinson Smilie, Grand Chaplain.

Comp. Jacob K. Parish was appointed a Committee to settle with the Secretary.

Voted that the Report of the Committee on the subject of a surrender of Masonry be dismissed.

Companions John H. Cotton and Rodney C. Royce appointed with Companion Jacob K. Parish, a Committee to audit the accounts of members for expenses.

Companion Zerah Willoughby presented a Resolution to dispense with any meetings of the Grand Chapter or subordinate Chapters, without a call of the officers of the same.

Companion Nathan B. Haswell moved to dismiss the above Resolution.

Called by Yeas and Nays.

Yeas, 22 ; Nays 21.

Carried, and the resolution was dismissed.

[Note. Among the papers on file in package of 1831 are two lists of members voting by yeas and nays. One has 22 yeas and 21 nays, in the hand-writing of Joel Green, Grand Secretary. The other has 22 yeas and 21 nays, in the hand-writing of Nathan B. Haswell.

W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.]

Voted on motion that the Treasurer indorse One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (as a donation) on the note of Benjamin Lord ; also that Ten Dollars be paid Rev. Robinson Smilie as Chaplain.

On motion, voted to allow the Grand High Priest to apply Ten Dollars towards defraying the expenses of printing the address of Comp. George H. Prentiss delivered this day before the Grand Lodge.

Companions Silas H. Hodges and John S. Webster were appointed Tellers, and the M. E. Grand Chapter then pro-

ceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, as follows:

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell,	Burlington,	Grand High Priest.
E. John Purdy,	Rutland,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Leonard Sargent,	Manchester,	Grand King.
E. Jacob K. Parish,	Randolph,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Moses Strong,	Rutland,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	"	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Sylvester Nash,	St. Albans,	Grand Chaplain.
" James Barrett, Jr.,	Rutland,	Grand Marshal.
" Silas H. Hodges,	"	Grand Stewards.
" Aaron Barney,	Brattleboro,	
" Abel Page,	Rutland,	
" Benjamin Fay,	"	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

On motion voted to dispense with printing the proceedings of the present year, and that the Grand Master be directed to furnish the Chapters with a copy of the above resolutions, and also a list of the Officers.

On motion of Companion Lemuel Whitney, it was resolved that the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter be required to meet but twice in the year—once for the choice of officers—the other for instruction and discipline in Masonry.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and audit the accounts of the Companions reported as follows which was accepted.

In the Grand Chapter, Oct. 12, 5831.

The undersigned Committee appointed to audit and settle th account of the Grand Secretary, and also the claims of the members of the Grand Chapter agreeable with a vote of the Grand Chapter in August last, report that

There is now due Joel Green Grand Secretary, the sum of $39.32

There is also due to the members of this Grand Chapter, in the whole, 348.25

$387.57

JACOB K. PARISH,
RODNEY C. ROYCE.
JOHN H. COTTON.

Returns of Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon.

No. 13. Clinton Mark Lodge, Brandon.

No Work done since last Returns.

We choose not to give up our Charter, because we are Masons, and wish to live and die such.

OFFICERS.

BARZILLAI DAVENPORT, Master.
GEO, W. KELLY, Senior Warden.
THOS. DAVENPORT, Junior Warden.

Brandon, Oct. 6, A. L. 5813.

SETH KEELER, Secretary.

No. 2. Champlain Chapter, St. Albans.

JOHN NASON, High Priest.
LUTHER B. HUNT, King.
ZERAH WILLOUGHBY, Scribe.

No work.

C. W. WETMORE, Secretary.

St. Albans, Oct, 7. A. L., 5831.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened in Masons Hall Rutland, on Wednesday, June 20, 1832, and opened on the Seventh or Royal Arch Degree.

In the absence of the M. E. High Priest, Nathan B. Haswell, the Deputy Grand High Priest opened the Chapter, and the following letter was read by Comp. Joel Green, Grand Secretary :

BURLINGTON, June 12, 1832.

DR. JOEL GREEN :—

DEAR SIR :—I was absent when your favor of the 22d ult., with its enclosures, was received. There, however, appears to be nothing of importauce in the Communications received from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia and Louisiana.

An unexpected event of Providence may deprive me of the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapter on the 20th inst. My son-in-law died at Ogdensburgh last week, and I have but just returned with his widow, who is in feeble health. And, as the votes for Member of Congress are to be counted in this District on the 18th and 19th, it is possible my presence may be required here. Should this be the case, you will be pleased to communicate the same to the Grand Chapter, assuring them that nothing but circumstances beyond my control would deprive me of the pleasure of being with them ; and that my prayers will be that you may have a peaceful and harmonious session.

Yours, fraternally,

NATHAN B. HASWELL, Grand High Priest.

N. B. I will endeavor to send the communications you forwarded although they are of but little importance.

Voted to refer the documents from the other Grand Chapters to the Committee on Foreign correspondence.

Returns were made by the following Chapters :

No. 1. Green Mountain Chapter, Rutland, represented by High Priest and Scribe.

OFFICERS.

JOHN PURDY,	High Priest.
	King.
HIRAM WATKINS,	Scribe.

No business done.

Rutland, June 20, 1832.

AARON BARNES, Secretary.

No. 7. Mount Lebanon Chapter, Bradford, represented by B. P. Baldwin proxy for the proper officers.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. PRICHARD,	High Priest.
HORACE STRICKLAND,	King.
CHARLES B. CLARK,	Scribe.

There was no business of exaltation during the past year.

Bradford, June, 1832.

ANDREW B. PETERS, Secretary.

No. 10. Social Chapter, Pawlet, represented by E. Weeks proxy for the proper officers.

OFFICERS.

RETURN STRONG,	High Priest.
ASA S. JONES,	King.
JONATHAN RANDALL,	Scribe.

No business done.

Pawlet, June 18, 1832.

ELIJAH WEEKS, Secretary.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington, represented by High Priest.

Returns to the General Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont of Burlington Chapter No. 12, from June 1, A. L. 5831, to June 1, 5832.

Advanced to Mark Degree, none.

Exaltations, none.

The following are the officers of said Chapter.

NATHAN B. HASWELL,	High Priest.
DAVID RUSSELL,	King.
HENRY THOMAS,	Scribe.

Given under my hand at Burlington, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1832.

GEO. ROBINSON, Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows, which was accepted.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Communications from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia and Louisiana, beg leave to report that there is nothing in the Communications that requires any action of this Grand Chapter.

MOSES STRONG, for Committee.

Proceeded to the election of officers, and the following-named Companions were severally elected to the respective offices, set opposite their names:

M. E.	NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand High Priest.
E.	PHILIP C. TUCKER	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	LEONARD SARGENT,	Grand King.
E.	JOHN S. WEBSTER,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	MOSES STRONG,	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOEL GREEN,	Grand Secretary.
"	BENJAMIN FAY,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary

The Grand Royal Arch of the State of Vermont convened in Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1833, and opened on the Seventh Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E.	Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand High Priest.
E.	Philip C. Tucker,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	Samuel S. Butler,	as Grand King.
E.	Thomas H. Campbell,	as Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Moses Strong,	Grand Treasurer.
"	Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.

Several Chapters being represented the Grand Chapter was duly opened and proceeded to business.

The following written notice had been issued by the Grand Secretary by authority of the Grand High Priest.

Companions:

It has been thought advisable to notify the several Chapters of this State of the session of the Grand Chapter, by addressing a line to some one of the Companions in the immedite vicinity of their location. You will confer a favor by reminding the officers of your Chapter of the annual communication of the Grand Chapter, which will be held at this place on the 19th of June, and it is hoped you may be represented on that occasion. The acknowledgment by mail of this communication, with the return given by you as requested, will oblige.

Yours &c.,

Joel Green, Grand Secretary

Rutland, May, 1833.

The following is the authority for the above circular letter.

Burlington, Vt., May, 1833.

Dr. J. Green :—Dear Sir—I duly received yours of the 22d inst., and can assure you and all my Companions in your quarter, that I have no wish to create any excitement by publications at the present moment. Notice should be given the different Chapters of the day of meeting, and I will depend upon you to immediately notify them by letter. A notice similar to the one enclosed to some one or more Companions living in the immediate neighborhood of the several Chapters, soliciting their answer, that you may be able to lay the notices before the Grand Chapter, would I think answer the purpose, and you will please see the same attended to without delay.

Yours Fraternally,

Nathan B. Haswell, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. Haswell read the following report which was ordered recorded.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont:

As the representative of the Grand Chapter of this State, I attended the Session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Baltimore, on the 28th of November last, and laid before that body the proceedings of the Masonic Fraternity in this State, since the last session, and I have the pleasure and satisfaction to state that the course pursued by the Masons of this State was highly approved by the General Grand Chapter, as will be seen by the extracts of their proceedings which accompany this communication.

During the session a communication was received from the Hon. Edward Livingston, stating his regret at not being able on account of his public duties to attend the General Grand Chapter,—he was unanimously re-elected ; and to a Committee appointed from the States of Maryland, New York and Vermont, he signified his devotion to the cause of Masonry (in which he had been engaged for nearly half a century), and accepted the appointment of General Grand High Priest.

The former officers of the General Grand Chapter were re-elected, with one or two exceptions, and have signified their willingness to serve their Masonic associates by accepting the offices to which they were chosen.

It is with regret I have learned since my arrival here, that the Masonic Hall in which this body have been accustomed to meet, has recently been so far injured by fire as to prevent our meeting in it the present session, how far the furniture or property of the Grand Chapter has been injured, I am unable to state, and would therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to make all necessary enquiries relating to this building.

Rutland, June 19, 5833.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest.

The following named Companions were duly elected:

M. E.	NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand High Priest.
E.	JOHN PURDY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	DAN C. STONE,	Grand King.
E.	JOSHUA DOANE,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	MOSES STRONG,	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOEL GEEN,	Grand Secretary.
"	BENJAMIN FAY,	Grand Sentinel and Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

Attest, JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont convened at Masons Hall, Rutland, on Wednesday, June 18, A. L. 5834, and opened on the Seventh Degree.

PRESENT.

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. James Barrett, Jr.,	as Grand King.
Comp. Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Moses Strong,	Grand Treasurer.
" W. W. Bailey,	as Grand Steward.
" B. Fay,	Grand Tyler.

Several Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was duly opened, and proceeded to business.

Having disposed of a part of the business before them, the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M.

The several Committees on Communications from Foreign Grand Chapters, etc., made reports which were accepted.

The Grand Chapter having gone through with all the other business before them, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand High Priest.
E. John Purdy,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Leonard Sargeant,	Grand King.
E. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Moses Strong,	Grand Treasurer.
" Joel Green,	Grand Secretary.
" Benjamin Fay,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter having completed its labor, adjourned to meet at Rutland, on the 3d Wednesday of June A. L. 5835.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

[Note.—The Grand Chapter of Vermont did not again convene until July 18, 1849. The same officers held over until that date, excepting Comp. John Purdy who died during that interval. The following letter was found with the package of papers marked "1834."

W. H. S. WHITCOMB, Grand Secretary.]

Rutland, Feb. 26th, 1842.

To Nathan B. Haswell, Grand High Priest, Burlington, Vt.

DEAR SIR :—I am about to leave the State, and I therefore send you all the old records in my possession.

Respectfully, &c.

JOEL GREEN, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont.

JULY 18, 1849.

The approbation of E. Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, having been first obtained; a notice was issued by M. E. Nathan B. Haswell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, to Jerusalem, Lafayette and Burlington Chapters, which, agreeably thereto, assembled by their representatives at Masons Hall in Burlington, on Wednesday the 18th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., A. L. 5849 and of R. A. M. 2379, for the purpose of Re-organizing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont. At the hour appointed, the

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell took the Chair, and

Comp. Phillip C. Tucker, Jr., acted as Secretary.

The Dispensation, from E. Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest, was then read, and the Chapters named therein, being called, appeared, as follows;

Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, at Vergennes, represented by

PHILIP C. TUCKER, High Priest.
NATHAN GRISWOLD, King.
PHILIP C. TUCKER, JR., proxey for Samuel Willson, Scribe.

Companions of said Chapter present.

SETH GEER, DANIEL L. POTTER.

Burlington Chapter, No. 12, at Burlington, represented by

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest.
JOHN S. WEBSTER, King.
JACOB ROLFE, Scribe.

Companions of said Chapter present.

JOSHUA DOANE, H. H. MITCHELL,
DAN LYON, JAMES L. MORTON,
GEORGE M. HALL, LUTHER M. HAGAR,
CHAS. P. BRADLEY, ELI STEARNS,
BENJAMIN ALLEN, UZAL PIERSONS,
LYMAN CUMMINGS, ROBERT WHITE,
JASON WASHBURN, ELIAS COON,
G. W. WEBSTER, DANIEL PATRICK.

Lafayette Chapter, No. 15, at East Berkshire, represented by

SAMUEL S. BUTLER, High Priest.
GARDINER B. ROLLESTON, King.
CHARLES STEVENS, proxy for JAMES C. STONE, Scribe.

Companions of said Chapter present.

W. S. BUDD, GUY R. BUTLER,
HIRAM STEVENS, DANIEL H. BENJAMIN.

Other Companions present.

JOHN NICHOLS, JAMES PLATT,
JASPER CURTIS, HEMAN GREEN,
JOHN NASON.

A constitutional number of Chapters and Companions being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form by the

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell,	as Grand High Priest.
E. Philip C. Tucker,	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Samuel S. Butler,	as Grand King.
E. Joshua Doane,	as Grand Scribe.
Comp. Charles P. Bradley,	as Grand Treasurer.
" Philip C. Tucker, Jr.,	as Grand Secretary.
" Geore M. Hall,	as Grand Marshal.
" Charles Stevens,	as Grand Visiter.
" Gardiner B. Rolleston,	as Grand Stewards.
" Daniel L. Potter,	
" Eli Stearns,	
" Lyman Cummings,	as Grand Sentinel.
" Seth Geer,	as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter being opened the M. E Nathan B. Haswell made the following communication :

We are again, my Companions, convened by authority of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to re-instate and re-organize the Grand Chapter of Vermont,—whose labors for years past have been suspended. It is not necessary at this time to enumerate the causes that led to this suspension—they are known to you all. In our Masonic publications, we have given to the world a faithful history of the past.—the future should now demand our solicitude and care ; let us then in resuming the high responsibilities incumbent upon us, not loose sight of that Divine Light, that shone so conspicuous and illuminated our path, when darkness surrounded and fears came upon us.

We have seen the Bow of promise in the heavens with its beauty and grandeur, spanning the Universe in a Grand Omnific Royal Arch, as a sign and token that the floods should no more deluge the earth—so may our Green Mountain Masonic Arch, resting upon the same Eternal Base, united and connected as it is with sister arches, again rise in its pristine glory, with renewed hope and promise of future usefulness, giving a sign and token to our Companions abroad, that the tempest and storm that raged so bitterly in Vermont against the Masonic Institution, having spent its force is now hushed. If we find on searching the ruins this storm occasioned, some of our Arches fallen for the want of proper Key Stones, be it our duty in removing the rubbish to preserve all that may be useful, and with better materials may we rebuild the Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont.

The annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, (until the period of its suspension) was held at Rutland, that place being designated for that purpose by our general regulations, but for the better convenience of the three Chapters now convened this present meeting has been called at Burlington.

In 1842, the former Secretary of this Grand Chapter being about to leave the State, forwarded to me such papers and records as he says were in his possession—they have been safely kept and are here present. No record is found among these papers of the last annual meetings of the Grand Chapter for 1832 and 1833—the record of 1831 is also found to be imperfect. The Masonic Hall at Rutland was partially destroyed by fire in 1833, and some of our papers may have been lost at that time. In 1832 I had the honor to represent this Grand Chapter at the session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Baltimore—a copy of the report then made I find among my private papers, and as it is connected with some of the last acts of this body it is again laid before you :—

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont :

As the Representative of the Grand Chapter of this State, I attended the session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Baltimore on the 28th of November last, and laid before that body the proceedings of the Masonic Fraternity in this State, since their last session, and I have the pleasure and satisfaction to state that the course pursued by the Masons of this State was highly approved by the General Grand Chapter, as will be seen by the extract of their proceedings which accompany this communication.

During the session a communication was received from the Hon. Edward Livingston, stating his regret at not being able on account of his public duties, to attend the General Grand Chapter: he was unanimously re-elected, and to a committee appointed from the States of Maryland, New York and Vermont he signified to us his devotion to the cause of Masonry, in which he had been engaged for nearly half a century, and accepted the appointment of General Grand High Priest. The former officers of the Grand Chapter, with one or two exceptions, were re-elected.

It is with regret I have learnt, since my arrival here, that the Masonic Hall, in which this body has been accustomed to meet, has been so far injured by fire as to prevent our meeting in it during the present session—how far the furniture or property of the Grand Chapter has been

injured I am unable to state. I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to make all necessary enquiries relating to the buildings, &c.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest.

Rutland, June 19, 1833.

Documents from several Grand Chapters have been placed in my hands by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the recommendation of that body, at its session in January last, these, with others from my private bureau, are placed at your disposal, together with the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter from 1824 to 1830, furnished by Companion Tucker, High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter.

It is not in my power to give you satisfactory information respecting the funds of this Grand Chapter, proper means should therefore be taken by the Finance Committee to be appointed to look into and report the state of our financial concerns.

While in attendance on this Grand Chapter at Rutland, in 1829, intelligence reached me of the destruction by fire, of the Masonic Hall, in Burlington, which had been kept under insurance. On enquiry respecting the Masonic Hall in Rutland, and the property of the Grand Chapter, it was found there was no insurance thereon, upon which I introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be appointed a committee to "procure an insurance in behalf of this Grand Chapter to the amount of "four hundred dollars, on the Masonic Hall and furniture therein con-"tained belonging to said Chapter."

There is found among the papers forwarded by the late Grand Secretary a policy of insurance for four hundred dollars, agreeably to the foregoing resolution for one year from the 10th July, 1829. I am quite sure that a committee was appointed in 1833 to make the necessary enquiries respecting the insurance and destruction of our property by fire; but the result of that enquiry I am unable to state, as no record is to be found, and the Grand Chapter did not thereafter publicly convene.

I received some time since the jewels of the Mark Lodge at Windsor, with some of the collars belonging to the Chapter at that place, and they are placed in the safe keeping of the Burlington Chapter.

It affords me great pleasure to announce to you that the Grand Lodge of Vermont, with many of the symbolic Lodges under its jurisdiction, a re reinstated and in a flourishing condition, under the guidance of our worthy Companion, P. C. TUCKER, Grand Master, and his associate officers.

A new encampment of Knight Templars is about to be established at Burlington, and although not connected with the symbolic or with Royal Arch Masonry, its members are composed of those only who have been taught to work in those sublime degrees.

With devout and thankful hearts let us all implore the blessing of Heaven upon our present and all future labors connected with this Grand Chapter, and by the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed; by His strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of virtue may we be incited to perform all the obligations incumbent upon us as members of this body, and as brethren of the whole human family.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, High Priest.

On motion of Companion Tucker it was

Voted—That all Royal Arch Masons present be invited to take seats as honorary members of this Grand Chapter.

Voted—To proceed to the election of the regular officers for the ensuing year, for the purpose of completing the re-organization of the Grand Royal Chapter of the State of Vermont.

Companions Benjamin Allen and George M. Hall were appointed tellers.

Upon the ballots being taken, counted, and sorted, the following Companions were declared the officers elected for the ensuing year.

M. E.	NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand High Priest.
E.	PHILIP C. TUCKER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	SAMUEL S. BUTLER,	Grand King.
E.	SAMUEL WILLSON,	Grand Scribe.
E.	CHARLES P. BRADLEY,	Grand Treasurer.
E.	PHILIP C. TUCKER, JR.,	Grand Secretary.
E.	and R. W. WILLIAM J. GOSS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	SETH GEER,	Grand Marshal.
"	JOHN S. WEBSTER,	Grand Visitor.
"	GARDINER B. ROLLESTON,	Grand Stewards.
"	NATHAN GRISWOLD,	
"	GEORGE M. HALL,	
"	JOSHUA DOANE,	Grand Sentinel.

The M. E. High Priest announced the appointment by the Grand Council of

Comp. James L. Morton, Grand Tyler.

The M. E. High Priest announced the appointment of the following Committees :

On Foreign Correspondence —Companions Philip C. Tucker, Samuel S. Butler, Jacob Rolfe.

To revise the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter. —Companions Samuel S. Butler and Philip C. Tucker.

On motion of Companion Tucker, Companion N. B. Haswell was added to said Committee.

A confidential Finance Committee was appointed to report next June.

On motion of Companion Tucker it was

Voted—That when this Grand Chapter adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at Burlington on the third Wednesday of June, A. L. 5850, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time of the regular annual communication.

Comp. John Nason, Past Grand Scribe, claimed admission as a voter and was admitted.

Companion Benjamin Allen presented the petition of James Platt and eight others, Royal Arch Masons, to establish a Chapter at Swanton, in Franklin County.

Companion Heman Green presented the petition of John Nason and twelve other, Royal Arch Masons, to revive Champlain Chapter at St. Albans, Franklin County, of which they were formerly members.

Both petitions being read by the Grand Secretary, after remarks by Compns. Tucker and S. S. Butler, were laid upon the table.

Grand Chapter called off until half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its labors.

Present, Officers and Companions as at previous session.

The Committee on foreign correspondence made the following report which was accepted :

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session :

The undersigned appointed this day as a Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that from the great length of time in which the Grand Chapter of this State has ceased to meet, very little Foreign Correspondence has taken place, and but little matter is presented for their consideration. They have had placed in their hands, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of this State, and from private sources, the following only :

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1848 and 1849—those of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire for 1844—those of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut for 1841-42-45-46 and 48—those of the Grand Chapter of Virginia for 1846—those of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee for 1846—those of the Grand Chapter of Georgia for 1848—those of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi 1848—those of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1849—those of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana for 1847--those of the Grand Chapter of Alabama for 1842—those of the Grand Chapter of Missouri for 1848—those of the Grand Chapter of New York for 1848—and also a certified list of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina for 1847. In the action of the several State Grand Chapters whose proceedings have been placed in our hands we find matters of considerable interest for the consideration of this Grand body, all of which we find ourselves compelled to defer a detailed examination of by the short time allotted to us to make a report. We are therefore obliged simply to recommend that the documents be left in our hands, for the purpose of further examination, until our annual communication, at which time, if we find it necessary, we will endeavor to make a full report thereon to this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP C. TUCKER,)
SAMUEL S. BUTLER, } Committee.
JACOB ROLFE,)

Burlington, July 18, 1849.

INSTALLATION.

The M. E. Nathan. B. Haswell, Grand High Priest, was duly installed by E. Philip C. Tucker, Deputy Grand High Priest After which the following Grand Officers were duly installed by the M. E. High Priest:

E. Philip C. Tucker,	Deputy Grand High Pirest.
E. Samuel S. Butler,	Grand King.
Comp. Charles P. Bradley,	Grand Treasurer.
" Philip C. Tucker, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.

And the following Grand Officers were duly installed by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Comp. Seth Geer,	Grand Marshal.
" John S. Webster,	Grand Visitor.
" Gardiner B. Rolleston,	Grand Stewards.
" Nathan Griswold,	
" George M. Hall,	
" Joshua Doane,	Grand Sentinel.
" James L. Morton,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Marshal, Seth Geer, then proclaimed to the East, the West, and the South, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont re-organized and its officers installed in due and ancient form.

The petition of John Nason and twelve others to revive Champlain Chapter, and the petition of James Platt and eight others, for a new Chapter at Swanton, being taken from the table, were on motion referred to a Committee of three, consisting of Companions Daniel L. Potter, Philip C. Tucker, and Charles Stevens, which committee retired and after hearing the Companions interested made the following report;

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session :

The undersigned appointed a committee to examine the petitions of John Nason and others, for the restoration of the Charter of Champlain Chapter at St. Albans, which has ceased to labor since 1831—and of James Platt and others, for a new Chapter to be located at Swanton, respectfully report that as the old Charter of Champlain Chapter is not present, they think it against masonic rule and practice, for this Grand Chapter now to act upon that subject, and recommend that the subject thereof be deferred and that the petitioners should proceed by petition for a Dispensation to renew, addressed to the proper officer of this Grand Chapter for that purpose. And as to the petition for a new Chapter at Swanton, they report that as the requisitions of the 7th section of the second article of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution have not been complied with, it is not in the power of this Grand Chapter in such circumstances, to grant either Dispensation or Charter in this case, at this time, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP C. TUCKER,
DANIEL L. POTTER, } Committee.
CHARLES STEVENS,

Burlington, July 18, 1849.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

Voted—That provision of Article 10, of the General Regulations be dispensed with for this communication.

On motion of Companion Tucker, the M. E. Nathan B. Haswell was appointed a Committee to publish a report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter at this communication.

Voted—To adjourn to the third Wednesday of June, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at Burlington.

PHILIP C. TUCKER, Jr., Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARYS' ADDRESS.

PHILIP C. TUCKER, JR.,

Vergennes, Vt.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, convened at Masons Hall, in Burlington, on Wednesday, the 19th day of June A. D. 1850, R. A. M. 2380.

PRESENT.

M. E. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand High Priest.
" Phillip C. Tucker,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Samuel S. Butler,	Grand King.
" Dan. C. Stone,	Grand Scribe.
" Charles P. Bradley,	Grand Treasurer.
" Phillip C. Tucker, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Seth Geer,	Grand Marshall.
" John S. Webster,	Grand Visitor.
" James C. Stone,	as Grand Steward.
" Nathan Grisworld,	Grand Steward.
" Jacob Rolfe,	as Grand Steward.
" Joshua Doane,	Grand Sentinel.
" James L. Morton,	Grand Tyler.
" John Nason.	Past Grand Scribe.

And the representatives and proxies of Chapters as follows :

No. 2. Jerusalem Chapter, Vergennes.

Phillip C. Tucker,	High Priest.
Nathan Grisworld,	King.
Dan. C. Stone,	Proxy for Scribe.

Dues paid, $10.

No. 12. Burlington Chapter, Burlington.

Nathan B. Haswell.	High Priest.
John S. Webster,	King.
Jacob Rolfe,	Scribe.

Dues paid, $28.

No 15. Lafayette, Chapter, East Berkshire.

Samuel S. Butler,	High Priest.
Hiram Stevens,	Proxy for King.
James C. Stone,	Scribe.

Dues paid $33.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont was then opened in the Royal Arch Degree in due form.

The Grand High Priest invited all Royal Arch Masons in good standing to take seats as visitors in the Grand Chapter.

E Comp. Moses P. Kellogg, High Priest of Camilton Chapter, Georgia, was then introduced to the Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest.

Agreeably to the invitation, the following Companions took seats as visitors :

Lyman Cummings,	George H. Paul,
Eli Stearns,	John B. Hollenbeck.
Asa Partridge,	Dr. Butler.

The Grand High Priest then made the following Official Communication to the Grand Chapter :

Companions :

We have convened as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont to enter upon the annual duties devolving upon this Grand Body ; let us then implore the blessing of that Eternal Being, who is without "beginning of days or ending of years," to guide us in our deliberations, and

looking up to Him as the author of all good, render homage of filial and grateful hearts, for the continuance of his Divine protection.

I am happy to state that throughout our wide extended Republic, as well as throughout the world, the benign influence of the Masonic Institution is felt and acknowledged. During the past few months it has been my good fortune as well as pleasure, to meet many of our Companions and brethren in their own Sanctuaries in the Western and Southern States, where I found profession and practice elevated to a high Masonic standard. You are aware of the unhappy division that has attended the two Grand Lodges in the symbolic degrees of Masonry in Louisiana, that for a season retarded the progress of Royal Arch Masonry there. During a sojourn of the Winter months in New Orleans, I witnessed the praiseworthy efforts of Grand Masters Gedge and Herman with many other Companions and Brethren to restore the symbolic degrees to their ancient Masonic standing, and I have full confidence to believe that the two Grand Lodges have united ere this, under a Constitution founded on a strict adherance to the ancient land-marks of our order, the correct ground taken by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, communicated to me by its worthy Grand Master, R. W. P. C. Tucker, was communicated to the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges during my stay, and was received with that cordial good feeling that characterized those two eminent and zealous Masons.

A Committee was appointed at our late annual meeting to revise the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter. The Companions selected to perform that duty, were the Deputy Grand High Priest and King, to which my name was added. Having been absent from the State for several months I have not been able to give the subject my personal attention, but the duty iucumbent on the Committee has been ably performed by my associates, and their report will be in readiness for your examination and approval.

At the reorganization of this Grand Chapter at our last Communication, it was deemed expedient to appoint a *confidential* committee to look after funds supposed to belong to this Grand Chapter. The Companions to whom this delicate trust was confided will make a communication, and should furtner time be necessary to enable them to complete their examination I trust it will be cheerfully granted.

A petition from a number of Companions of Champlain Chapter duly signed, was presented me, asking liberty for them to assemble on the second Tuesday of October, 1849, at the former place of meeting of

said Chapter at St. Albans, then and there to re-organize Champlain Chapter. As this was one of the oldest Chapters of the State, and one that continued true to the Grand Chapter, as well as themselves, during the Anti-Masonic persecution, I did not hesitate to grant their request. The return of their doings under the letter of Dispensation will, no doubt be laid before you.

I deem it proper to bring to your notice the situation of the Chapters now in constitutional existence in this State, together with those who have omitted to petition for the re-organization of their bodies. Of the latter class I recommend they be restored on proper petition to all the rights incident to their new organization, and to a regular standing and participation of the rights and benefits of the Grand Chapter of Vermont; omitting to do this I recommend they be stricken from the Roll of Chapters, and that their Charters be decreed forfeited.

The following Chapters are re-organized as regular bodies of Royal Arch Masons in this State, viz.:

Champlain Chapter,	St. Albans—U. D.
Jerusalem Chapter,	Vergennes.
Burlington Chapter,	Burlington.
Lafayette Chapter,	East Berkshire.

The following Chapters are without renewal:

Green Mountain Chapter,	Rutland.
Temple Chapter,	Bennington.
King Solomon Chapter,	Montpelier.
Windsor Chapter,	Windsor.
Mount Lebanon Chapter,	Bradford.
Lebanon Forest,	Brattleboro'
Social Chapter,	Pawlet.
Zerubabel Chapter,	Danville.
Randolph Chapter,	Randolph.
Farmers Chapter,	Sudbury.

I have extended my inquries to all the Chapters now in Constitutional being in Vermont, and find them in a prosperous condition, worthy of the continued and fostering care and guidance of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, Grand High Priest.

The petition of Comp. John Nason and eleven other Royal Arch Masons to revive Champlain Chapter, was read by the Grand Secretary.

The question of admitting the Representatives of Champlain Chapter at this time as members of this Grand Chapter was raised, and debated by Comps. Tucker, Haswell, Butler, Stevens and H. Green.

The reading of the Report of the committee appointed at the last communication to prepare a code of General Regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter, being called for, said Report was read by the chairman of the committee.

Comp. Tucker moved to accept Report of committee upon General Regulations so far as relates to Article 35.

Whereupon the ayes and noes were demanded and resulted as follows:

Ayes—Comps. Haswell, Butler, Geer, Webster, J. C. Stone, Doane, Rolfe, Nason.—8.

Noes—Comps. Tucker, D. C. Stone, Bradley, Griswold, Stevens, Tucker, Jr.—6.

And the motion prevailed.

On motion, voted to adopt the Report of the committee as to the 35th article of the General Regulations.

On motion, voted to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter when any dormant Chapter requests to be revived under the provisions of the 35th article of the General Regulations, the sum of twenty-five dollars be required of said dormant Chapter by this Grand Chapter.

The Companions of Champlain Chapter at St. Albans having produced an attested copy of the original Charter of said Chapter, and satisfied the Grand Chapter of the loss of the original by fire, and said copy being properly endorsed by the Grand Secretary agreeably to the 35th article of the General

Regulations, and the sum required by the foregoing resolution being paid, the following Companions appeared as representatives of said Champlain Chapter and were admitted as members of the Grand Chapter :

JOHN NASON,	High Priest.
HEMAN GREEN,	King.
NATHAN W. GREEN,	Proxy for Scribe.

Dues $33.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment to half past one o'clock P. M.

1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter met, and was called to labor.

Present—officers, members and visitors as at previous session.

The Report of the committee upon General Regulations was taken up.

Voted that said report be accepted.

The Report having been again read by the Chairman of the committee. Companion Webster moved that the first article of said Report be amended, by striking out all after the word "August." to the word "and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest," and inserting the words "at Burlington "

This motion produced an animated debate, in which Companions Webster, Stevens, Butler, Tucker, Haswell, Heman Green, and Tucker Jr., participated.

The question being taken upon the proposed amendment, the ayes and noes were called for :

Ayes—Haswell, Webster, Nason, H. Green, N. W. Green.—5.

Noes—Tucker, Butler, D. C. Stone, Griswold, Bradley, Tucker, Jr., Geer, Doane, Stevens, James C. Stone.—10.

And the motion to amend was lost.

On motion voted to adopt the first article of the Report of committee upon General Regulations.

Voted to adopt Report of committee upon General Regulations.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Report of his doings for the past year which on motion was accepted and approved:

That in compliance with the duties of his office, he transmitted a copy of the proceedings of this body in July last, to each of the officers of this Grand Chapter and to each Secular Chapter under this jurisdiction; to each officer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to the following State Grand Chapters, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Michigan.

That he has received and handed over to your committee upon Foreign correspondence the following proceedings, to wit:

Grand Chapter of Maine for 1849 and 1850; Louisiana for 1849 and 1850; Tennessee 1847 and 1849; Ohio for 1847; New York for 1848 and 1849; Connecticut for 1849; Kentucky for 1849; Virginia for 1848 and 1849; History and By-Laws of Ancient Frontenac Chapter attached to St. Johns Lodge, No 491, Canada West.

That he has also received and handed over to the Committee upon General Regulations the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. He has also received a circular containing the signatures of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

The corresponding of this Grand Chapter with any State Grand Chapter organized since the 27th of January 1798, and not acknowledging the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, seeming to be forbidden by the first section of the third article of the Constitution of that body, he did not forward your proceedings to those State Grand Chapters thus situated, but finding from the proceeding of other State Grand Chapters that some of them so corresponded, he addressed your M. E. Grand High Priest for instructions, who referred him to the General Grand Secretary for information upon this subject. He consequently addressed that officer, and in his absence the M. E. Deputy General

Grand High Priest, to which letter no answer has ever been received by him. In January last he received information that a body claiming to be a regular Mark Lodge met regularly at Royalton Centre every other month, and had conferred the Mark degree on six or eight brethren, that brother Asa Partridge acted as Master, brother John F. Austin as Senior Warden, and brother Moses Hoyt as Junior Warden. He informed brother Hoyt personally of the irregularity of said Lodge, and by direction of the E. Deputy Grand High Priest (in the absence from the State of the Grand High Priest), notified brother Partridge by mail of their irregularity. Not hearing from brother Partridge, on return of the Grand High Priest, he referred the papers connected with said subject to him.

In May, by direction of the Grand High Priest, he addressed a circular letter to the officers and members of several dormant Chapters calling their attention to this communication of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIP C. TUCKER, Jr., Grand Sec'y.

Burlington, June 19, 1850.

The Confidential Finance Committe made a partial Report, which was accepted, and said Committee were continued for another year.

On motion of Comp. Tucker Jr., a committee was appointed to investigate the matters of the meeting of a body claiming to be a Mark Lodge at Royalton Centre.

Comps. Webster and H. Green were appointed said committee.

Comp. Tucker from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following Report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont:

The undersigned, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at the communication of this Grand Body holden at Burlington on the 18th day of July A, D. 1849, respectfully report, that they have examined, with such care as their time has permitted, the several communications committed to their care at the communication aforesaid, (as to which they then made a partial Report), and that they have also since

that time received and examined additional proceedings of other Grand bodies, as follows:

Printed proceedings of the G. R. A. C. of Louisiana, for 1849 and 1850; of Tennessee for 1847 and 1849; of Ohio for 1847; of New York for 1849; of Connecticut for 1849; of Kentucky for 1849; of Virginia for 1848 and 1849; of Maine for 1850, and the History and By-Laws of the Ancient Frontenac Chapter attached to Saint Johns Grand Lodge, No. 491, at Kingston, Canada,

Royal Arch Masonry, after long years of inaction, has commenced a new career in Vermont. It can hardly be anticipated, at its outset anew, that we should possess the means of examining fully all the important questions in which it is masonically interested. In the investigations made by your committee—desirous as they have been of obtaining thorough information as to every matter of importance—they have often found themselves groping in a scarce visible twilight, and occasionally in an arch of darkness where no removal of rubbish insured the admission of a single sunbeam.

Other circumstances also than the absence of information have tended to embarrass your committee and limit the character of their Report. The Companions who compose it have resided too far asunder to admit of any general consultation, and the difficulties of written interchanges of opinion, while they necessarily involve a great deal of labor, are seldom as satisfactory, as to results, as those arising from personal discussions.

This state of things has necessarily limited the labors of your committee to the consideration of a few prominent subjects.

The interchange of printed correspondence annually between the State Grand Chapters of the Country, has doubtless—as in the interchange between the several Grand Lodges of the States—been productive of the happiest effects upon the welfare of the Order. By enabling each to know what questions have arisen in the different Grand Chapters, and what opinions are respectively entertained upon them, the attention of each Grand Chapter is called to every important masonic subject, and an examination elicited, which is generally beneficial to our common interests. Indeed, it is highly gratifying to observe how, within a comparatively short space of time, all mooted questions pass successfully from one Grand Chapter to another for examination; how they respectively bring forth new facts and new reasonings; for their discussion goes on, usually with the plainness and fairness of scientific investigations, until they become practically and satisfactorily settled by a sort

of common consent, which is but rarely questioned afterwards. The frankness, plainness, candor and courtesy of these discussions are doubtless highly promotive of that general unity of feeling and action which pervades, to so great an extent, the masonic bodies of our extended republic. We doubt not that the Grand Chapter of Vermont, in emerging from the long night of darkness and storm which has enveloped and obscured it, will, for the future, perform its appropriate share in communicating freely with the masonic world—imparting such light as it may be able to bestow, and attracting that which it can never cease to desire.

In examining the Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter, we find several important questions in a course of discussion, which are highly interesting to the Order at large, and to some of them we have thought it expedient to turn our attention at the present time.

The bearing of Royal Arch Masonry upon the Royal and Select degrees and the question of jurisdiction which has arisen out of it, are very naturally calculated to arrest our attention. The difference of opinion which has for many years existed on these subjects seems as far as ever from a satisfactory adjustment. Original masonry, as it first came to this country, is admitted—so far as we perceive—to have had no peculiar cognizance or jurisdiction of these degrees. They were not members of the several masonic systems as first received from other lands; they made no part of the historical chain which then linked together the entered apprentice and the Royal Arch Degrees by a series of circumstances supposed to follow a regular and dependent connection and to result in a perfect and complete system. Their introduction, however—imperfect as their origination may have been, and irregular as was the manner of extending the knowledge of them on this side of the Atlantic—appears to have produced an almost intuitive conviction of their legitimacy and importance. They came to fill a vacancy in Masonic history, with their warrant of truth no farther vouched for than it was written in the lineaments of their own countenances. Those lineaments had too strong a family likeness for disavowal; they spoke their own lineage; The Masonic traditionary family acknowledged their place upon the genealogical tree, and they became, by voluntary consent, a legitimate portion of the bearing branches. No one seems to have doubted that they originally sprung from genuine Masonic soil and bore fruit as scions to the credit of the mother tree. But notwithstanding they appeared in this country as grafts upon the old stock—placed there, it is true, by the consent of those controlling the original

tree—yet the engrafters ever claimed their fruits and held them as independent of the stock on which they were engrafted, upon the ground that the proprietors of the original tree had no authority for, but were expressly excluded from, the right to engraft on the old tree at all. And your committee have been unable thus far to ascertain that this last view is not correct. The right to add to or diminish the degrees of Masonry, as they exist in the Lodges and Chapters of this country, is one that ought to be established on the most indubitable grounds, if it exists. No attempt, that we know of, has been made to establish such a right; and, we think, none such could be made without an organic change in "the body of Masonry."

Your Committee do not mean by this view, to undervalue the Royal and Select degrees. On the contrary they place a very high value on them, and are ready to state their own convictions that, without them, Royal Arch Masonry is imperfect. Their chief anxiety is to know what power, of right, ought to control them. Jurisdiction over them once appears to have been claimed by the Supreme Grand Council 33d degree, Charleston, South Carolina; at other times they have been the profitable waifs of Masonic stragglers; and at others the General Grand Chapter of the United States seems to have been disposed to assume a guardianship over them, in the apparent absence of any legitimate parent. If the Supreme Grand Council of Charleston ever had any regular power over them it would seem to have been long since impliedly abandoned by non-use; or that they were never the rightful property of unprincipled stragglers it does not need argument to establish; and if the General Grand Chapter has any rightful authority to control them we are wholly ignorant of the source from which it was derived. It is not imparted by the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and if that body possesses any power not derived from that instrument, your Committee frankly confess that they know nothing of it and are unable to appreciate it.

In our own particular history we are perfectly aware whence the degrees came to us. In the year 1818, our worthy Brother and Companion, John H. Cotton, of Windsor,—lately deceased—established several councils in this State, deriving his authority from Companion Jeremy L. Cross. In the Charters, however, granted by Companion Cotton, the name of Comp. Cross did not appear, but those instruments purported respectively to have been issued "by the high powers vested in 'him' by the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant in the Grand Council of Select Masons, held at the city of Baltimore in the State of Maryland." They

were precisely similar to those issued under Companion Cross' authority in the State of Virginia. If Virginia ascertained at the time who this "Grand Puissant" was or whence he derived his authority, she was more fortunate than Vermont. Our old Select Masons never knew anything about it. Subsequent circumstances seemed to point the allusion to our venerable and ever-esteemed Companion, Phillip P. Eckel, of Baltimore. But, if we mistake not, Companion Eckel never claimed any such power or distinction for himself. In the General Grand Chapter holden at the city of New York in 1829, Companions George Keyser and Joseph K. Stapleton, of Baltimore, brought up the subject on behalf of Companion Eckel, who was prevented from being present by ill health. On his behalf they complained of the course taken by Companion Cross, who in establishing Councils at the West and North, was said to have used Companion Eckel's name as authority. Upon that complaint Companion Cross came before that body and explanations were had. Cross seemed to have misconceived as to any general authority on this subject from Companion Eckel, in whose name Companion Keyser spoke authoritively. In that investigation it was distinctly avowed that Companion Eckel had never claimed any such distinction as was appropriated to him by the Charters which had emanated from the authority of Companion Cross, and, so far as that source of authority was relied on, Companion Cross gave that body to understand that he should not act in future. Within a day or two afterwards, however, Companion Cross sent into that body a long letter—which ought now to be accessible if not lost among the papers in Grand Secretary Chapman's hands—intimating his authority to act in this matter under the Supreme Council 33d degree of Charleston, South Carolina, and as the General Grand Chapter evinced no disposition to make any further inquiries in this view of the subject the matter was there dropped, with the exception of the resolutions about it which appear in the printed proceedings of that communication. This settled the question of the Grand Puissant named in the Vermont Charters, and left us in this position. Companion Eckel had communicated the degrees to Companion Cross as was admitted—and Companion Cross had circulated them under nominal Charters, setting up an implied and unnamed authority which had thus suddenly dropped from under him, so far as any original derived power was concerned. The degrees had been conferred—no doubt correctly—but what the Charters might be considered worth, on this state of facts, was strongly doubtful. But, be that as it may, those Charters were the only Vermont authority, and so remained until within the last two years.

They were never patched up by any reference to the Supreme Grand Council at Charleston, but remained in the several councils at their own intrinsic value, which in the opinion of your Committee, considered as original authorities, was not particularly great.

Still, the degrees were among us, and coming through as strong a Masonic source as Companion Eckel, we felt ourselves justified in preserving them; and we have done so, however irregularly they may have reached us at first. Indeed if unbroken succession were any requisite about them—if we were obliged to find the height of the fountain to establish the certainty of our own level, we might not be very sure of establishing satisfactorily either the one or the other. Whence Companion Eckel himself obtained them is not very clearly established—whether in a regular Council, or floating, like many other matters of information, on the great tide of the world's Masonic history we are wholly ignorant. We only know that they came from him to us, regular or irregular, and that, if well attested Masonic history does uot deceive us, they had found a resting place in this part of the North American Continent before even regularly recognized Royal Arch Masonry itself was legitimately established here.

A letter from Companion Cotton to Companion Haswell quoted by Companion Haswell in his letter to Companion H. R. Taylor—is to be found in the published proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1849. In this letter Companion Cottonn says that the Councils established by him were "to be under the regulations of the Royal Arch Chapter when created." This is a strange remark in connection with the well-known fact that Companion Cotton granted independent Warrants to every Council organized by him in Vermont, without the least allusion in them to any Chapter jurisdiction, and that for thirty years no Companion of either of those Councils ever had any knowledge of such intention on the part of Companion Cotton.

In the published proceedings of the General Grand Chapter for 1829 one of the reasons given to sustain the action of that Grand body, at that time, on the subject of these Council degrees, is stated to have been that "it was the only and sole intention of the Most Exrellent Companions from whom those degrees emanated that they should be conferred under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters." Your committee do not understand that the Companions alluded to had any acknowledged *power* so to direct, whatever their *intentions* may have been, or that Chapters had any *authority* to take charge of Councils without it was

derived from the universal consent of the Companions of both institutions. And your commitee do not understand that any such general consent has been asked on the one side or granted on the other. We hold all Masonic bodies, as they now exist in this country, to rest on some derived power, and do not feel bound to adopt them or any claims they may put forth, upon any mere doctrine of assumption. Usurpation of assumed right deserves little respect, in our opinion, and in all moral questions has its very worst aspects. It may have an apology perhaps where morals have no concern, but where they profess to govern it has no legitimate resting place. We have no difficulty in appreciating a state of things where a Masonic body may find itself in a position to rely upon its own inherent rights alone. Such, in the year 1783, was the condition of one of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, which having become extinct by its own understanding of its own position, assumed to itself what it termrd "an elective supremacy," and re-created its own regularity by its own inherent power. If the Royal and Select Degrees have any legetimate sovereign head in this country we are not aware of it. State Grand Councils exist, but they claim only State jurisdictional power. There are many States without such Grand Councils, and in *those* every individual Council stands independent of state or general power. When Councils pass under Chapter jurisdiction by a mutual understanding between their respective bodies—as they have done in some States—nobody, as far as we know, disputes the right. But if, as in some instances has occurred, they prefer to remain separate, we know of no recognized power to *force* such a union.

There is another difficulty about uniting Chapters and Councils, which, as it strikes your committee, ought to be adjusted by common consent in advance of any attempt at union whatever. We refer to the order of time in which the council degrees should be conferred. The General Grand Chapter in 1829, *adopted* the report of a committee which contained a resolution that they should be conferred *subsequent* to the Royal Arch, thus fully giving the high sanction of its authority to that particular way of treating the subject. Maryland—and if we mistake not, same other States—entertain a different opinion and sustain a different practice. They rest their views on the chronological aspect of the subject, while those who hold the converse of that opinion treat the chronology as immaterial, and refer to the disregard of it which is shown in the arrangament of the Chapter Degrees before the Royal Arch. If this arrangement of the Chapter Degrees referred to was now an open question, possibly some force might be allowed to that argument by

those who take the opposite view of it, but as it is not it seems altogether inconclusive, and amounts only in its strongest view to an analogical argumeut founded upon what is generally admitted to be a defective precedent. As a matter of mere taste in an institution which has always taken a just pride in such proportion of its several parts as will result in the formation of a "beautiful, complete and perfect whole," it appears to us that we ought not, with the power of selection undisputedly in our hands, to select a practical anachronism as our preferred choice. This seems to us to be progressing backwards. In the absence of any dominant or overpowering considerations to the contrary, the chronological argument acquires great additional force, and as it has convenience, consistency and fitness on its side, it appears to us to have the highest claims in controlling a decision.

Your Committee do not forget that the three councils in Vermont have not heretofore acted upon this view, but always have and still do practice upon the ground that the Royal Arch degrees should precede those of the Royal and Select. As we do not respect what we esteem to be erroneous or impolitic on account of its existence at home, instead of furnishing any argument against the views of the Committee this circumstance furnishes them one of the strongest reasons for desiring that this branch of the subject may receive the attention it merits, and that our present practice, if found to be wrong, may be seasonably corrected.

Your Committee believe that by a fair and unprejudiced view of this particular portion of the subject, by its full and free discussion by the committees of State Grand Chapters and Councils, a very general uniformity of opinion may, in due time, be attained. And if the order shall be so fortunate as to realize this anticipation—which seems to your committee to be highly desirable—it will then probably be time enough to institute the enquiry in Chapters and Councils whether, by common consent they will submit to one common jurisdictional authority. In the absence of any generally recognized power, your committee feel themselves bound to believe that no such jurisdictional authority can be rightly assumed in any quarter, and that no basis for its establisment can exist which is not derived from a mutual common consent. And until such common consent is legitimately ascertain by a general conventional arrangement, they agree with the G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of the State of Georgia, in "holding the rule to be fundamental, that we are to use and transmit to others Masonic knowledge in no other manner than that in which we received it," and that "if the Royal Arch Chap-

ters had not the jurisdiction of the Royal and Select degrees in the beginning they cannot now get it by their own act."

Another subject of grave importance has somewhat arrested the attention of your committee. It is doubtless matter of deep regret that a uniformity of opinion does not exist among the several State Grand Chapters as to the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We have not the means in our hands of pretending to perfect accuracy as to the facts relating to this subject According to the best information we possess we understand the former Grand Chapter of New Jersey to be extinct. We are not aware of the present existence of Grand Chapters in Delaware, Illinois, Arkansas, Michigan, Iowa, or Wisconsin. We understand the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida and Texas to disown General Grand Chapter authority, and we suppose the following named Grand Chapters to recognize that authority and of themselves to constitute it:—Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Maryland, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana; and of these one of the independent State Grand Chapters asserts that the Grand Chapters of Kentucky and Tennessee are "restive" under General Grand Chapter jurisdiction. We do not propose to discuss the ground of this allusion at the present time, as we have too little information to speak of it understandingly. Nineteen State Grand Chapters and that of the District of Columbia, we believe, now form this General Grand body, and from the fact that the several local Chapters in Illinois, Arkansas, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin exist by Dispensations issued under the authority of that jurisdiction we suppose it probable, at least, that when Grand Chapters are formed in those States they also will acknowledge this general power. If so its authority will then embrace twenty-four states, and the District of Columbia. We understand the existing local Chapters in New Jersey to have derived their authority from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and thus to hold a position peculiar to themselves. We have not learned that they dissent from the authority of the General Grand Chapter, although they have chosen to derive their powers through another body which forms one of its elements. Pennsylvia, Virginia, Florida and Texas stand upon their own independence. Of the masonry of Pennsylvania—which publishes nothing of a masonic character to our knowledge—we are necessarily almost entirely ignorant. Virginia has always been strong in masonic learning and has discussed

all masonic questions with candor and fairness. Florida and Texas, in those portions of the masonic household where we have become acquainted with them, have brought an intelligence, industry and zeal to the masonic subject which would have done high honor to many more years than are yet numbered in their masonic history. Regretting, as we do, that the views of our Companions in those few states will not permit them to join the rest in acknowledging a general national masonic jurisdiction for Royal Arch Masonry, we do not rest that regret upon any particular pertinacity of opinion in favor of the perpetuation of that general jurisdiction. We wish they were with us, that we might avail ourselves of the benefit of their experience, learning and talents, in discussing the whole policy of the system in the most liberal manner. We know of no reason why the principle upon which the present policy rests should shrink from examination, and if our dissenting Companions can satisfy us that this policy is wrong, we know of no just motive which could induce us to insist further upon adhering to it. And we wish also the coresponding privilege of being fairly heard upon our reasons for its preservation. If we were all together we could argue these matters upon the level, and part upon the square, whether we were so fortunate as to convince each other or not—and we should then, doubtless, be far better satisfied than we are now, even if the result was that we must continue separated. But if we are to be always personally separated, a part claiming power and other parts denying it, with no means for personal interchange of thought or reasoning upon the actual merits of the subject but such as may be sparsely thrown forth in more sparsely disseminated pamphlets, some triennial and others annual, we doubt if we are likely soon to see any intelligent disposition of it. If the several State Grand Chapters would annually submit their views upon the subject in their publications, the prospect might be changed; but, judging from the past, this is one of the subjects which they approach with caution and which it is evident they generally think had better be left to the General Grand Chapter itself; and as that body is hardly to be expected to discuss unasked a question involving its own existence, the result is that, in the present state of things, it is not probable that it will soon be satisfactorily settled.

An undivided front for the Royal Arch Masonry of the United States is, in our judgment, highly desirable. The serious practical difficulty between those who acknowledge the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter and those who do not is deeply to be regretted. If the former obey the terms of the first section of the third article of the General

Grand Royal Arch Constitution they can have neither public or private masonic communication with the latter. Possibly the clause does not reach Virginia or Pennsylvania, as it involves a question of dates;—but as to Texas and Florida the clause referred to raises a barrier of a most unpleasant character, the existence of which we think is to be deplored by all. Indeed we are told that this strong provision is often treated as unbinding and inoperative by Royal Arch Masons, and fails of effecting its design. That fact alone might create reasonable doubts as to its policy. It is not for us to controvert its binding force while we acknowledge the power of the body which enacted it, but we believe the interests and harmony of the order would be promoted by its repeal. There is nothing pleasant in the idea that Royal Arch intercourse with Pennsylvania and Virginia is a doubtful question, or that Royal Arch companionship is interdicted with Texas and Florida. Those propositions augur suspicion of their masonic justice on their face. The Companions of those States are not only regular Royal Arch Masons, but are as regularly organized as any other Royal Arch bodies. They are neither clandestine nor irregular. To attempt to place them beyond the regular pale of the order appears to us little less than a practical contradiction of that charity which claims to tolerate all differences of opinion that do not involve the sacrifice of well established principles.

The ninth section of the first article of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution has been another subject of attention by your committee. The portion of the section to which they refer is this—"No Royal Arch Mason, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer any degree in Masonry not recognized as a constitutional degree, nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional body; and the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter, or any three of them, shall in all cases have authority to decide all constitutional questions under this section."

What is to be understood by this section as a "constitutional degree" of Masonry? We understand the Grand Lodges to recognize only the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's degrees; that most Grand Chapters recognize none but the Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees; and that the General Grand Chapter, by its Constitution, speaks of only the four last degrees named. So far then as Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters in general, and the General Grand Chapter say anything, regular "constitutional" Masonry has but these *seven* degrees and no more. Yet the General Grand Chapter itself has treated the Royal and Select degrees as legitimate and

regular, whether "constitutional" or not, and Councils of those degree are universally sustained and supported. But if these are respected as "constitutional," though not named in the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and if to confer them be within the *spirit* though beyond the *letter* of that instrument, how are we to understand the application of the section as to what are termed "ineffable degrees"?—how, for instance, as to the degrees of Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary and others, over which jurisdiction is claimed by the "Supreme Council 33d," or to the degree termed the Heroine of Jericho, all of which have been long been conferred by Royal Arch Masons from month to month, and generally without any suspicion that they were violating the highest masonic authority?

"Consitutional degrees" of Masonry—so far as we understand the general Masonic system existing in the United States—are those which are embraced by written constitutions. Thus limited we have but *seven*, although two others are, at least, tolerated and sanctioned by authoritative masonic action. This gives us *nine* degrees, as recognized by written constitutions and what we recognize as constitutional action. Are we to understand that, beyond this, all else is unconstitutional by the terms of our paramount law? If so, all who tolerate or meddle with any other masonry, by whatever name, are obnoxious to the rule, and we are bound to keep within it by abandoning all connection with all side degrees. Now it is well known that this is not the practice of Royal Arch Masons, and that, if this is the designed meaning of the rule, it is often violated unintentionally from deficiency of knowledge, and disregarded where no such deficiency exists. The value of every law lies in the respect it receives from the common consent of those who are required to obey it, or, in the absence of such respect and consequent submission in the power of the enacting body to enforce obedience. That the provision alluded to—upon the apparent construction it should receive—fails in its intended object is, as to this jurisdiction, well understood by every intelligent Royal Arch Mason. No one recognizes its force, and Royal Arch Masons generally feel at liberty to take and give these side degrees without feeling themselves restrained by the provision of this enactment. This is to disregard it as a binding law, and is a practical nullification in every fair sense of it. Has the General Grand Chapter the power of enforcement for such violations? We think not. Its power can go no further than expulsion, and as we believe the majority of its members are within this category, we do not think the minority will be very likely to have the power of expelling them. If this

view be a fair one, it shows the weakness and impolicy of the provision, and with this view we recommend that this Grand Chapter instruct its representatives to the General Grand Chapter to make all proper masonic efforts to procure a repeal of this section, which they deem to be an unnecessary, unwise, and impolitic regulation, and in their judgment, whether standing in the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution or otherwise, is now, and always will be, wholly inoperative as to producing any practical obedience to its requirements.

Your Committee had intended to discuss several other subjects of interest to our beloved Institution on the present occasion. Circumstances beyond their control compel them to stop here, and to defer the performance of their wishes to a more convenient season.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP C. TUCKER,)
SAMUEL S. BUTLER, > Committee.
JACOB ROLFE,)

Burlington, June 19th, 1850.

On motion, voted to refer communication from the Grand High Priest, and Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to a Committee consisting of Companions Hiram Stevens and Joshua Doane.

The Committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of a body claiming to be a Mark Lodge at Royalton made the following report :

That in performing the duties of their appointment, Companion Asa Partridge, who had acted as the Master of said body, appeared before them and from the facts stated by him, it appears that the brethren who composed that body having in their possession a Charter formerly issued by this Grand Chapter to Bethel Mark Lodge, supposed they had the right to proceed under the same and legally confer the degree of Mark Master Mason. They accordingly met at Royalton Centre in this State on Wednesday before the full moon of every other month, and have advanced six or eight in said Lodge. That immediately upon being advised by the Grand Secretary in February last of the irregularity of their proceedings, they ceased to work, and have not since met. That said brethren regret the mistake under which they labored, and have taken the proper steps to place themselves upon regular Masonic ground,

for which purpose they have this day petitioned the proper officers of this Grand Chapter for authority to revive Randolph Chapter, No. 13; and also will ask the Grand Chapter for leave to remove the same to Royalton. Your Committee, in consideration of these facts, would recommend that no proceedings be taken by this Grand body against the brethren who composed said irregular Lodge, and that, when properly requested, this Grand Chapter give its consent that when said Randolph Chapter is revived, according to the regulations in such case provided, for its removal to Royalton, upon the payment to this Grand Chapter of all the dues for the work done in said irregular Lodge; and they also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Masons who have been irregularly marked in Bethel Mark Lodge (in consideration of their mistaken view of the position of said Lodge, they supposing the same to be a legally constituted body,) be and are hereby healed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. WEBSTER, } Committee.
HEMAN GREEN, }

June 19, 1850.

Voted to adopt the Report and recommendations of Committee upon irregular Mark Lodge at Royalton.

The Grand Chapter then took a recess for half an hour.

The Grand Chapter having been called to labor, proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing official year, Companions Geer and Doane acting as tellers. On counting the ballots the following officers were declared duly elected:

M. E.	NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand High Priest.
E.	PHILIP C. TUCKER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	SAMUEL S. BUTLER,	Grand King.
E.	DAN C. STONE,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	CHARLES P. BRADLEY,	Grand Treasurer.
"	PHILIP C. TUCKER, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
"	Rev. P. P. BAILEY,	Grand Chaplain.
"	SETH GEER,	Grand Marshal.
"	GARDINER ROLLESTON,	Grand Stewards.
"	NATHAN GRISWOLD,	
"	GEORGE M. HALL,	

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments by the Grand Council :

Comp. Dan C. Stone,	Grand Lecturers.
" George M. Hall,	Grand Lecturers.
" Joshua Doane,	Grand Sentinel.
" James L. Morton,	Grand Tyler.

And by himself the following Committees :

On Foreign Correspondence.—Companions Philip C. Tucker, Samuel S. Butler, Jacob Rolfe.

Auditing Committee.—Companions J. S. Webster and S. Geer, who declined the appointment, and Companions Dan C. Stone of Vergennes, and James C. Stone of Berkshire, were appointed said Committee.

The Grand officers elect were then duly installed into their respective offices, after which the usual Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until 7 o'clock this evening.

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7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter met and resumed its labors. Present —officers and members as at previous session.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts presented at this communication made the following

REPORT.

That they have examined, and recommend the payment of the following bills :

Chauncey Goodrich, for printing proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1849,	$18.50
James L. Morton, Grand Tyler,	1.50
Eli Stearns,	1.00

Philip C. Tucker, D. G. H. P., for postage and other money paid out by him for the Grand Chapter,	5.00
Phillip C. Tucker, Jr., Grand Secretary for amounts paid for books for records, postages, etc.,	7.00
	$33.00

That they have examined the Grand Secretary's account which is as follows:

Phillp C. Tucker, Jr., Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Chapter of Vermont.

June 19, 1850	To amt. dues rec'd of Jerusalem Chapter,	$10.00
" " "	Burlington "	28.00
" " "	Layfayette "	33.00
"	To amt. rec'd of Comp. Nason for Champlain Chapter for privilege of revival, per vote of Grand Chapter this day,	25.00
		$96.00

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June 19, 1850.	By amount bill outgoes, before reported,	7.00
"	Balance paid Grand Treasurer, per receipt,	89.00
		$96.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. C. STONE, }
JAMES C. STONE, } Committee.

June 19, 1850.

Voted, to adopt Report of Auditing Committee.

The Grand Council ordered the payment of twenty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest and the report of the Committee upon Foreign Correspondence, made the following

REPORT.

That the action of this Grand Chapter, already taken at its present communication upon the various subjects embraced in the address of the Grand High Priest, renders it unnecessary for them to recommend any other or futher course of proceeding relative to those subjects. Your Committee, in common with their Brethren and Companions in general, feel highly gratified at the information communicated as to the probable peaceful and happy result of the very long continued Masonic difficulties which have existed in Louisiana. They also take pleasure in expressing their belief that the adoption of the new code of General Regulations by this Grand Chapter is well calculated to preserve and insure the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry within this jurisdiction. Your Committee also are satisfied that the re-appointment of the Confidential Committee of Finance of the last Communication is a wise and prudent measure—that the renewal of the Charter of Champlain Chapter at St. Albans was in accordance with the welfare and desired prosperity of the order, and that the provisions of the new and General Regulations as to the renewal of the Charters of old Chapters hereafter, is sufficiently liberal towards all snch Chapters as may desire to return to the Masonic family.

In relation to the subjects presented to this Grand Chapter by the report of the Committee on Correspondence, your Committee have only to observe that their importance is sufficiently apparent to every intelligent Royal Arch Mason; and although that Committee, from extreme caution, have indicated a wish that this Grand body should instruct its representatives to the next General Grand Chapter as to their proper and appropriate action upon some of the subjects discussed by them, this Committee are of opinion that no such instructions are needful; inasmuch as we believe that the Companions who will represent us in that distinguished body fully understand the views of this Grand Chapter upon those subjects, and will fairly and honorably represent them according to their best discretion and judgment.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HIRAM STEVENS, }
JOSHUA DOANE, } Committee.

June 19, 1850.

Comps. Nathan B. Haswell and Philip C. Tucker, Jr., were appointed a Committee to superintend the publishing of the proceedings and the code of General Regulations adopted at this Communication of this Grand Chapter.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of Vermont was closed in ample form.

Attest, PHILIP C. TUCKER, Jr., Grand Secretary.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF VERMONT,

AS

ADOPTED JUNE 19, 1850.

To the Grand Chapter of Vermont:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at your last communication to revise the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter, have attended to the duties of their appointment, and report, that in present existing circumstances they deem it advisable to repeal all the General and particular Regulations heretofore existing (excepting only the forms for constituting and dedicating new Royal Arch Chapters established by Charter), and to provide an entire new code, preserving all the old Regulations which they deem material, and adding such provisions as they think required by our present situation, to foster and protect the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Your Committee have, in accordance with this opinion, prepared, with much care, investigation and labor, the following code of general rules, and respectfully submit them for the consideration of the Grand Chapter:

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF VERMONT.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Article 1. This State Grand Chapter shall hereafter hold its annual communication on the 2d Thursday of August at the following places respectively, to wit: At East Berkshire, St. Albans, Burlington and Vergennes; beginning at East Berkshire with the annual communication of 1851, and then following from year to year the order in

which the names of the other towns are above placed; and as new secular Chapters shall be hereafter admitted to this Grand Chapter, such annual communications shall be holden at the places respectively where they shall be located, in the order in which such secular Chapters shall be added to this Grand Chapter—and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, respectively, for the time being, may call special communications to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper, and at every communication of this Grand Chapter, previous to the transaction of any business the Chapter shall be opened in due form.

Article 2. This State Grand Chapter shall consist of the following officers, to wit: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Assistant Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Lecturer or Lecturers, Grand Stewards, Grand Sentinel, Grand Tyler; and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of this Grand Chapter, all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Chapter except the Grand Tyler; and every officer of a Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction who is a voter in the Grand Chapter, shall, in case of his absence, have a right to be represented therein by his proxy duly appointed, who shall be a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of a Subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. The Grand officers shall be chosen for the term of one year, but shall hold over their respective offices until others are chosen; and if it shall so happen at any time that the Grand Chapter shall not hold its annual communication, it shall be in the power of the Grand High High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, or Grand Secretary, to call the Grand Chapter to a communication, either at the usual time of the annual meeting, or at any other time, if more convenient, and at any place that the Grand officer so calling said meeting shall think proper. Provided that no other Grand officer but the Grand High Priest shall make such call but in case of the death, removal, or other incapacity of his superior Grand officer or officers, and that the mode of calling the same shall be by written or printed notices, addressed to the respective Secretaries of all the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Article 3. The constitutional officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at the annual communications thereof all of whom shall be elected by ballot excepting the Grand Lecturer or Lecturers, Grand Sen-

tinel and Grand Tyler, who shall respectively be appointed by the Grand Council; all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed at said communication into their respective offices; and if any officer shall be absent at the time of his election or appointment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary forthwith to forward him due notice thereof, with a request that he would signify his acceptance or refusal in writing within sixty days; and should any such officer decline accepting the office assigned him, or neglect to give notice thereof within the term aforesaid, such office shall be decided vacant, and filled for the remainder of the Masonic year, by appointment of the Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death, absence from the State, or other incapacity to act, by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Article 4. The officers of the Subordinate Chapters who attend the communications of the Grand Chapter must appear clothed with their proper jewels.

Article 5. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter with the Subordinate Degrees shall be ninety dollars and no more; excepting the expense of installing, which shall be paid out of the funds of the new Chapter, and the Grand Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter; and no Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of most Excellent, Past, or Mark Master Masons, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Article 6. All applications for the Exaltation or Advancement of candidates in any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall lie over at least from one stated regular communication to another, for the consideration of the members thereof, previous to the ballots being taken; unless in cases of emergency, when a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe shall be obtained and no candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees without a unanimous vote in his favor.

Article 7. The fees for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, in all Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall not be less than twenty dollars—and no credit shall be given for fees in any case whatever.

Article 8. Every Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall, at each annual communication of this State Grand Chapter, make return of the names of all persons who have been exalted, advanced, or admitted by them, during the then past Masonic year.

Article 9. Each Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay into the Treasury of this State Grand Chapter, at its annual communication, the sum of three dollars for each candidate who shall have received the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters degrees, and been exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in such subordinate Chapter, and if less degrees have been taken in said subordinate Chapter the payment to the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: one dollar for the Mark, and two dollars for the Royal Arch degree.

Article 10. A Committee of three shall be appointed at the annual communication by the Grand Council, immediately after the installation of the Grand officers, to be styled the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts and books, and report at the next annual communication and previous to the election of officers.

Article 11. No candidate within this jurisdiction shall receive any degree in any other than the Chapter which is nearest his place of residence, without a recommendation from said nearest Chapter.

Article 12. The Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction shall make returns of the names of their officers to the Grand Secretary annually, and also returns of the names of all who have been rejected; and no Chapter shall confer any degree upon any person who has been once rejected without the consent of the Chapter in which his rejection occurred.

Article 13. The officers of any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be annually chosen by ballot, at the communication next before the festival of Saint John the Evangelist, and may be installed into their respective offices at the same time, or as soon thereafter as convenient.

Article 14. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy for more than one Chapter, nor shall any member take a seat by proxy without procuring credentials of his appointment, unless the same shall be dispensed with by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

Article 15. Each subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to all Communications made by said subordinate Chapter to this Grand Chapter and to all credentials which may be given by such Chapter to any member thereof.

Article 16. This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction in settling all matters of controversy which may arise between any of

the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, or between the members of different subordinate Chapters—and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any subordinate Chapter.

Article 17. The Grand Lecturer or Grand Lecturers appointed by the Grand Council annually, as provided in the second Article, shall receive instructions from the General or State Grand officers, and shall be empowered, by authority under the hands and seals of two State Grand officers, to visit such Chapters under this jurisdiction as may require their attendance, and shall give such Chapters information in the several Masonic lectures, and instruct them in the proper modes of working in the several Chapter Degrees; and the Chapters so requiring their attendance, shall defray their expenses and make them reasonable compensation for their services. And no other persons than the Grand officers and the Grand Lecturer or Lecturers aforesaid shall be authorized officially to communicate instruction or give lectures in any subordinate Chapter.

Article 18. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall, annually give bonds, with sufficient surety or sureties, to the acceptance of the Grand High Priest, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective officers.

Article 19. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest King and Scribe shall be the trustees of all the property of this Grand Chapter, with power to take charge of and preserve the same, procure insurance when necessary for the benefit of the Grand Chapter, and generally, in their names as Trustees, to do and perform any act or acts of a business character, in behalf of this Grand Chapter, which the laws of the land and interest of the Grand Chapter may require.

Article 20. It shall not be permitted at the Communication of this Grand Chapter for any member to speak more than twice on any one subject without permission from the presiding officer for the time being.

Article 21. All motions (excepting motions of order) made in this Grand Chapter shall be presented in writing to the presiding officer.

Article 22. All motions of mere order shall be determined by the presiding officer without debate.

Article 23. No persons shall be admitted as a visitor in the Grand Chapter except by the consent or upon the invitation of the presiding officer.

Article 24. The forms for constituting and dedicating new Royal Arch Chapters created by Charter, and for the installation of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, shall be those which are annexed to these regulations, excepting so far as they are or may be hereafter varied by the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution.

Article 25. In case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, it shall be the duty of the oldest past officer of those grades respectively to preside, and in case of the absence of all the past officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter present shall preside.

Article 26. Every petition for a warrant to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons within its jurisdiction, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within the State nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petioners, and recommending to the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest, to whom said petition shall be addressed, to grant them a Warrant, and if it shall meet the approbation of said Grand High Priest, or Deputy Grand High Priest, he shall grant his Dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months, nor beyond the time of the annual Communication of the Grand Chapter; and if the Grand Chapter shall approve thereof, said Dispensation may be continued in force for the farther period of one year from said Annual Communication, and if before or at the expiration of said year the said Chapter, so working under said Dispensation, shall not petition the Grand Chapter for a Charter, said Warrant of Dispensation shall be withdrawn.

Article 27. The officers of all Chapters working under Dispensation shall be duly installed by the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest, or by some proper officer appointed by either of said Grand officers and properly commissioned to perform said duty.

Article 28. No person having been a member of a subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have procured a certificate from the Chapter to which he had belonged that he was in regular standing; that he had settled all his dues; and was, at his own request, discharged and recommended.

Article 29. Any subordinate Chapter which shall at a regular Communication vote to remove the place of holding its meetings to another

town, and which shall obtain also the approbation of the nearest Chapter for such removal may, with the consent of this Grand Chapter, so arrange the place of its meetings.

Article 30. In all cases where the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest shall issue a Dispensation, as provided in the 26th Article, empowering the opening of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the same amount of fees as are required for a Charter by the fifth Article shall first be deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. And in all cases of Dispensation the officer who may grant the same shall make report thereof at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter. And when any Charter shall be granted to the Chapter having received such Dispensation, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment for the same: but if a Charter is not granted and said Dispensation is withdrawn, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such parts thereof as have been actually expended by means of their application.

Article 31. If any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make a return of its officers and new members and pay its dues to the Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of such delinquency, the said subordinate Chapter shall forfeit, to the use of this Grand Chapter, its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary and all other property, of every description.

Article 32. No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdictlon unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, nor without a unanimous vote in his favor.

Article 33. No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons which may hereafter be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Chapter, and all Masonic communication, either public or private, is strictly forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or between any member of said Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction and any Chapter or Lodge which may be so illegally opened, or either of their members, or any person who has received any Masonic degree

in such illegal Chapter or Lodge; and any breach of any part of this article shall be punished by expulsion or exclusion from the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE. 34. The Grand Secretary shall be authorized to appoint an Assistant Secretary when he shall deem it necessary, and for the services of the Grand Secretary and such Assistant such compensation shall be allowed as the Grand Chapter may deem adequate.

ARTICLE 35. All subordinate Chapters which have heretofore received Charters from the Grand Chapter of Vermont and which still retain them, shall be entitled to have the same renewed on petition to the Grand Chapter at any time previous to the close of the Annual Communication thereof, which shall be holden in the year 1853—said subordinate Chapters showing to said Grand Chapter, or to the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest thereof, to their full satisfaction, that there are still remaining nine regular Royal Arch Masons in each Chapter desiring the same, whose design it is permanently to re-establish said subordinate Chapters, and also presenting such original Charters, or true copies thereof if said Charters have been lost or destroyed, to the Grand Secretary for endorsement and renewal thereof and paying into the funds of the Grand Chapter such fees as that body, by its vote, shall adjudge to be reasonable.

ARTICLE 36. No Article of these Regulations shall be altered, amended, or revised, except at the regular Annual Communications of this Grand Chapter, and then only in case three fourths of the members attending such Annual Communication shall give their assent to such alteration, amendment, or revision.

ARTICLE 37. All the general and particular Regulations of this Grand Chapter heretofore existing are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. TUCKER,
SAM'L S. BUTLER, } Committee.
NATHAN B. HASWELL,

BURLINGTON, June 19th, A. D. 1850,
Of R. A. M. 2380,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, as adopted at its Communication holden at Burlington, on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1850.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter to be hereunto affixed.

Dated at Vergennes this 15th day of July, A. D. 1850.

PHILIP C. TUCKER, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

IN CONSTITUTING AND DEDICATING A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS THEREOF.

1. The new Chapter will meet in their hall, and be in order.

2. The Grand Chapter shall meet in an adjacent room, and open.

3. A Committee from the new Chapter will inform the Grand Marshal that their Chapter is prepared to receive the Grand Chapter; the Grand Marshal will announce the same to the Grand Chapter.

4. The Committee will conduct a procession of the Grand Chapter to their hall in the following order:

Grand Tyler.
Two Grand Stewards.
Representatives of subordinate Chapters according to seniority.
Great Lights.
Orator and Grand Chaplain.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Officers according to seniority.
Deputy Grand High Priest.

Grand Scribe and Grand King.
Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Captain of the Host.
Grand High Priest.
Grand Royal Arch Captain.
(Grand Marshal on the left of the procession.)

N. B. The Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Captain of the Host, and Grand Royal Arch Captain, are appointed pro tempore.

5. The officers of the new Chapter resign their seats to the Grand Chapter.

6. The Grand High Priest will direct the Grand Secretary to read the commission and report of the committee of examination.

7. The Grand High Priest, all Companions except Past or Present High Priests duly qualified, having retired, will direct the Deputy Grand High Priest to qualify the High Priest elect.

8. The Grand Marshal will then form a general procession in the following order:

Three Royal Arch Stewards with Rods.
Tyler of a Blue Lodge.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
Stewards of Lodges having jewels.
Deacons having jewels.
Secretaries having jewels.
Treasurers having jewels.
Wardens having jewels.
Mark Master Masons.
Past Masters.
Most Excellent Masters.
Royal Arch Masons by three.
Orders of Knighthood.
Tyler of the new Chapter.
Members of the new Chapter.
Three Masters of Veils.
Principal Sojourner, Secretary and Treasurer.
Scribe, High Priest and King.
Royal Arch Captain.

Grand Chapter as before prescribed, except Clergy and guests of distinction, are to precede the Orator and Grand Chaplain.

(Captain of the Host on the left of the Procession.)

9. The officers and members of the new Chapter, and also of the Grand Chapter, being seated, the Grand Marshal proclaims silence, and the ceremonies begin with

10. An Ode, Prayer, and an Oration.

11. The Grand Marshal then directs the new Chapter to form in front of the Grand Chapter.

12. The Deputy Grand High Priest then says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a number of Companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor of the art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having obtained, they are assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form."

13. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Secretary to read the Warrant or Charter, which is done.

14. The Grand High Priest then asks, "Do you still approve of the officers, as named therein?" which being answered in the affirmative.

15. The Grand High Priest then rises, and says, "By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my worthy Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the State Grand Chapter and may the God of your Fathers be with you, guide and direct you, in all your doings."

16. The regalia of the New Chapter, being covered, having been placed on the table by the Grand Marshal, will then be uncovered by the Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, assisted by the Grand Marshal, and accompanied by solemn music.

17. The dedication then follows; the Grand Chaplain saying, "To our Most Excellent Patron Zerubabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter; may the Blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest

upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to God on high,"

Response by the Companions.

"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. So mote it be, Amen."

18. The Grand Marshal then says, "I am directed to proclaim and I do hereby proclaim this Chapter by the name of ———— Chapter, duly constituted and dedicated. This," &c. &c.

19. An Ode.

20. The Deputy Grand High Priest presents the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, and says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present you my worthy Companion ———, nominated in the warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity."

21. The Grand High Priest then addresses the High Priest of the new Chapter, as follows:

"You having been appointed to the honorable and responsible office of High Priest of this new Chapter, and having accepted the important trust and received the Order of High Priesthood, I shall now proceed to instal you in that office; a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. I shall not attempt particularly to enumerate those duties; but only observe that, by a frequent recurrence to the Constitution, and General Regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfil them; and I am persuaded that the Companions who are appointed to preside with you will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions."

"I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained this sublime degree.

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at once and the same time.

4. That you will not exalt any one to his degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing Degrees.

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a Constitutional Warrant or Dispensation.

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being formally healed.

9. That you will observe and support such By-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

10. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter.

11. That you will support and observe the General Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act.

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented.

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?" (Assents.)

"Let us kneel at the altar, and invoke a blessing of the Deity." All the Companions kneel. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

"Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and earth—

"We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new assembly, and now prostrate before Thee. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and ac-

tions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

"Glory be to God the Father. As it was in the beginning," &c. Response, "So mote it be."

Rise—clothe High Priest.

"Most Excellent:

"I now present and invest you with this breast-plate. It is the jewel and badge of the order. Thus clothed you represent the great Joshua, Son of Jozedack, High Priest of Israel, who presided at the first Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. Those stones represented the twelve tribes of Israel, and served to bring them in memorial before the Lord. They will remind you not only of the support and obedience you may expect from the members of your Chapter, but of your duty and obligation to them.

"In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed and annointed High Priest of this Chapter, not doubting your determination to support the honor and reputation of our sublime order.

"I now deliver into your hands the Charter under which you are to work: you will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it.

"I present you with the Holy Bible, Square and Compass, the three great Lights in every degree of Masonry. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume, create in us a belief in the dispensations of Divine Providence, which belief strengthens our faith and enables us to ascend the first step of the Grand Masonic Ladder. This faith naturally produces in us a hope of becoming partakers of the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of GOD to man, which hope enables us to ascend the second step. But the third and last, being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence, when faith shall be lost in sight, and hope in complete enjoyment.

"By the Square and Compass we are taught to circumscribe our desires, and practice the duties of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

"I present you with the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the rules and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State; and also with the By-laws of your Chapter. You will cause all these to be frequently read and punctually obeyed.

"Lastly, I present you with the Mallet, a blow with which will command attention and restore order in the Chapter.

"And now Most Excellent, permit me, in behalf of the craft here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. I doubt not you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

"Companions of ———— Chapter: Behold your High Priest. [*They rise and bow, or if the installation be not public, salute him with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry.*] Recollect that the prosperity of your Chapter will as much depend on your support, assistance and obedience, as on his assiduity, information and wisdom."

22. The Grand King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary, install their corresponding officers.

"Right W. and E. Companion:

"You being appointed to the important office of King of this Chapter, the purple robe in which I have invested you marks the exalted rank you now hold among your Companions. In the absence of the High Priest it will be your duty to preside in the Chapter, and while discharging the various duties of your office, you will have the honor of representing the illustrious King of Persia, by whose power and liberality, our ancient brethren were delivered from slavery, and sent in peace to their native country.

"I cover you with this crown, emblem of Royalty. Permit me to remind you that to reign sovereign of the hearts and affections of your Companions, you must bring your own passions and prejudices under the dominion of reason and charity.

"I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Let it remind you, that although the representatives of a King, as a Mason you should ever stand on a level with every worthy brother.

"In the Chapter you will assist in the Council, representing those worthies who composed the First Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. May their bright example stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty, and when the KING of KINGS shall summon you to his immediate presence from his hand may you receive a crown of glory which shall never fade away."

"Right W. and E. Companion:

"You being appointed to the important office of Scribe of this Chapter, I invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office.

"While you stand as a watchman to guard the actions and protect the honor of your Companions, the plumb will admonish you to walk uprightly in your station, to balance the scales of justice, to preserve a just medium between austerity and intemperance, to subject your passions and prejudices to moral rectitude, and excite you to the more faithful performance of your duty. May your example so influence the conduct of the members of your Chapter, that at last the GREAT WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, may admit you and them to refreshment as pure as it will be perfect.

"As a member of the Council, it is your privilege to be covered and seated on the left of the High Priest.

"In the absence of the High Priest and King, you will preside in the Chapter; and, therefore, must feel the necessity of your early and punctual attendance at every meeting. I am persuaded you will endeavor to perform every duty as much to the acceptance of your Companions as to your honor."

"Companion:

"Reposing unlimited confidence in your honor and integrity, the members of this Chapter have elected you to the office of their Treasurer. I now invest you with the badge of your office. These keys will remind you that to your care is entrusted the property of your Chapter, which you will consider as a sacred deposit. Your duty is to receive all monies from the Secretary, keep a just and exact account of the same, and dispose of them at the pleasure of the Chapter. Your constant attendance at every meeting is necessary, that should distress and poverty assail any Companion, his widow or orphans, the Chapter may know the extent of their ability to relieve. Be faithful in the "unrighteous mammon," that you may be entrusted with "the true riches."

"Companion:

"You being elected to the office of Secretary of this Chapter, I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your duty is to observe with attention the transactions of the Chapter, to make a fair record of the same, to collect all monies and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. Having faithfully recorded the transactions of your Chapter below, and received the merited applause of your Companions, may you be admitted to the Celestial Grand Chapter above, and find your name recorded in the Book of Life."

23. The Deputy Grand High Priest installs the other officers.

"Companion:

"Having been elected Royal Arch Captain to this Chapter, your duty is to guard the Sanctuary, and to admit those only who are duly qualified. I arm you with this sword to enable you to execute your duty with fidelity and safety. The honor and peace of the Council are in a great measure committed to your care; never permit the former to be violated, or the latter disturbed."

"Companion:

"You are elected Captain of the Host of your Companions. Your station is at the outward courts of the Tabernacle; your duty is to examine the travellers; and, if found worthy, to qualify them for further service. You must be sensible that to perform the very important duties of your office, you must yourself be perfect in the mysteries of this exalted degree. I arm you with this sword, not only to mark your superiority over your Companions, but that you may therewith be able to protect them and maintain the honor of our order."

"Companion:

"This Chapter have elected you to one of the mort important offices at their disposal, that of Principal Sojourner. I present you with this wand. the badge of your office. Your duty is to bring the blind by a way they know not, and lead them in paths they have not known; to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things you are to do unto them and forsake them not. You must be sensible that your punctual attendance at the Chapter cannot be dispensed with. Always use your best endeavors that your fellow travellers be duly prepared and properly accommodated while travelling the rugged paths; so that having sustained the horrors of captivity with fortitude, and the fatigues of their journey with patience; having wrought diligently and found that which was lost, they might be admitted to the presence of the Council, and receive their merited reward."

"You, my Companions, are elected Masters of the Veils. Your duty is to guard the Sanctuary of your Companions and their Councils, and suffer none to pass or repass, but those who are duly and truly qualified, and have properly traced their geneaology."

"Master of the Red, I present you with this sword. Red denotes that fervency and zeal which ought to actuate all Royal Arch Masons, and is the distinguishing characteristic of this degree."

"Master of the Purple, accept this sword; and recollect, that as purple is composed of a mixture of blue and red, it is therefore placed between the first and third veils of those colors to denote that intimate connection which subsists between this sublime degree and ancient craft Masonry."

"Master of the Blue, I present you with this sword. Blue is an emblem of friendship; and, as such, is used as a characteristic of a Master Mason."

"Let your friendship, my Companions, be sincere and disinterested; be firmly united in the cause in which you are engaged, and zealous in the discharge of the duties of the offices to which you have been elected. Then, although every rod becomes a serpent, and every serpent an enemy to the craft, yet will their utmost vigilance and strongest exertions be as impotent as the leprous hand, or "water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again."

"Companions:

"You are elected Stewards of this Chapter, in which station much depends on you. The preparation of candidates is an important duty, which I trust you will discharge with credit to yourselves, to the honor of the Chapter, and to the satisfaction and improvement of the prepared. You are now invested with the insignia of your office. You will distribute the regalia of the Chapter previous to the time of opening; and when the Chapter is closed, see that proper care is taken of the same. At refreshment be particularly attentive to visitors."

"Companion:

"You are appointed Tyler to this Chapter. I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your station is at the outside of the door; and your duty is to guard your Companions, and permit none to enter but the duly qualified. I present you with this sword. In your hand let it become like the flaming sword, which protected the Garden of Eden; and, like that, turn every way to guard the honor and peace of the Chapter."

24. The Grand Marshal is then directed to make proclamations as follows:

"I am directed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest (*or presiding Grand Officers*) to proclaim that the officers of ——— Chapter are installed in due and ancient form. All members of the craft are

required to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. This praclamation is made to the East, West and South."

25. A Prayer.

26. An Address.

27. Benediction.

"The Lord be with you all, let brotherly love continue, be not forgetful to entertain strangers. Now the God of peace, our Supreme High Priest, make you perfect to do his will.

"Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, and good will to men. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be," &c.

28. Grand Procession formed as before, and proceed to refreshment.

29. Grand Chapter conducted to their room, and close.

REMARKS

ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WITH A SHORT STATEMENT OF THE FORMS AND ORDER OF CEREMONIES.

By immemorial usage, every association of individuals of the Masonic fraternity must annually be duly organized. This requires the installation and investiture of the officers of such association, at the time of their election, according to ancient form. Agreeably to this principle is the first article of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, requiring the installation of the Grand Officers at the annual meeting. Such part of the ceremony, a knowledge of which may be useful to the craft generally, is as follows:

1. The person elected Grand High Priest, having been notified of his election by a Committee under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and having accepted, is intoduced to the presiding Grand High Priest, or in case of a re-election, to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

2. The Grand High Priest elect then notifies the Grand Chapter of his acceptance and readiness to be installed in due and ancient form.

3. He is then conducted to the altar by the Grrnd Marshal, and makes the necessary declaration, assisted by the Grand presiding officer.

4. Being re-conducted, he is addressed by the Grand presiding officer, as follows:

"Having been elected to the high and responsible office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, and having accepted that important trust, and made the necessary declaration, I

shall now proceed to install you into that office. It is a station which requires the performance of great and arduous duties, duties which those alone, who have not only acquired great Masonic information, but who constantly adorn their conduct in life with every Christian virtue, can well and properly discharge. Let us, &c. (*Repair to the altar. Invocation by Grand Chaplain. Rise.*)

"Most Excellent:

"The members of this Grand Chapter having designated you as a Companion such as I have described, I now with pleasure." &c. (*Repeating such parts of the address in page* 19, *as are applicable.*)

He then directs the members of the Grand Chapter to salute the Grand High Priest with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and the Grand Marshal to proclaim his due installation.

7. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Marshal to announce his appointment of officers, who, after the installation of each officer of the Grand Chapter, is directed to make the usual proclamation.

8. Grand High Priest then instals Deputy Grand High Priest.

"Most Excellent:

"By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Const tution of this Grand Chapter, having appointed you to the important office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and you having made the necessary declaration, I invest you with this jewel, and place upon you this covering, the insignia of your office. They naturally call to remembrance the period of the return of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, when their High Priests were invested with supreme authority, and held Grand Masonic Councils at Jerusalem. In my absence it will be your duty to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and when present, to afford me your aid and assistance. I have full confidence that I express the opinion and belief of this Grand Chapter, when I say, you will so discharge your duty as to represent by your conduct "the path of the just, which, like the shining light will shine more and more, even unto the perfect day."

9. The Grand High Priest instals the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, investing them with their respective jewels, and giving them the necessary charges. (*See pages* 44,45.)

10. The Grand Chaplain is then invested.

"Excellent and Rev. Companion:

"You are appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. It is emblamatical of Eternity. and reminds us that here is not our abiding place.

Your inclination will undoubtedly conspire with your duty, when you perform in the Grand Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their infinite CREATOR, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is "to point to Heaven and lead the way," may by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect,"

11. Grand Marshal is then invested, with a proper charge.

12. The remaining Grand Officers are installed with suitable charges. (*See pages* 46 *and* 47.)

13. The direction of the Grand High Priest to the Grand Marshal to proclaim the due organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter concludes.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

VERMONT.

JONATHAN WELLS.

Jonathan Wells, elected Grand High Priest at the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1804, was a prominent and successful merchant in Rutland, was selectman of the town in 1798 and 1810, and Justice of the Peace in 1808-9-10. He was a bachelor.

CEPHAS SMITH, JR.

Cephas Smith, Jr., Grand High Priest in 1805-6-7-8, son of Cephas Smith, was born in Suffield, Conn., in 1761. His father was an early settler of Tinmouth, Vt., being there as early as 1774. After clearing a portion of his farm he rented it and removed to Hanover, N. H., for the purpose of educating his sons, Cephas, Jr., and Cyrus at Dartmouth College. After their graduation the father went back to his log house in Tinmouth. Cephas, Jr., graduated in 1788 and went to Rutland, and commenced the study of law in the office of his brother, Gov. Israel Smith. He was admitted to the bar in 1791, and was a successful practitioner, and was Clerk of the U. S. District Court from 1793 to 1809. He was initiated in North Star Lodge at Manchester, August 10, 1792, and was a charter member of Centre Lodge at Rutland.

He died in 1815.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

Gov. Isaac Tichenor, who was Grand High Priest in 1809, and who was prominent in the latter part of the New York controversy, was born at Newark, N. J., February 8, 1754, and educated at Princeton College, then under the presidency of the celebrated Dr. Witherspoon, for whom and whose memory he always had the highest veneration. He graduated in 1775, and, while pursuing the study of law at Schenectady, N. Y., he was, early in 1777, appointed assistant to Jacob Cuyler, Deputy Commissary-General of purchases for the Northern Department, Having for his field of services an extensive portion of the New England States. In the performance of his official duties he came to Bennington the 14th of June, 1777, and was there superintending the collection of supplies for the army during the principal part of the summer of that year. On the

13th of August, he left Bennington with a drove of cattle, for Albany, and returned the 16th by way of Williamstown, arriving on the battle-ground about dark, just as the firing had ceased. From this time his residence was in Bennington when not in actual service in the Commissary Department. About the close of the war he commenced the practice of law, and soon became active in public affairs. He represented the town in the General Assembly in 1781, and for the succeeding three years, was agent of the State to Congress in 1782, and was the same year appointed by the Legislature to visit Windham county and advocate the claims of the State with the friends of New York in that section, in which enterprise he was in some degree successful. He was a member of the State Council for five years from 1787; was one of the commissioners named in the act of 1789, for adjusting the controversy with New York; was a Judge of the Supreme Court for five years, from 1791, and in 1796 was chosen a Senator to Congress to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Moses Robinson, and also for the succeeding six years, which place he resigned on being elected Governor in October, 1797. He held the office of Governor for ten consecutive years, until October, 1807, when Israel Smith was his successful competitor. He was, however, elected again in 1808, making his whole term of service in the Executive chair eleven years. In 1814 he was again chosen Senator in Congress, which office he held for six years, terminating March 3, 1821, when he retired from public life. Gov. Tichenor died December 11, 1838, leaving no descendants. He was a man of good private character, of highly respectable talents and of accomplished manners and insinuating address. His fascinating personal qualities acquired for him at an early day the sobriquet of the "Jersey Slick," by which he was long designated in familiar conversation. He was a Federalist in politics, and his popularity was such that he was elected Governor for several years after his party had become a minority in the State.—[Hall's Early History of Vermont.]

Mr. Tichenor was undoubtedly made a Mason in Temple Lodge, No. 4, at Bennington. The date of his admission cannot be ascertained, owing to the loss of the records of Temple Lodge. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 2, Vergennes Jany. 19, 1807. It is a singluar fact, that notwithstanding he was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1810, he never attended any of the sessions of the Grand Lodge. When we examine his record as a public officer, we discover that from 1791 to 1821, he was actively engaged with duties appertaining to the State and

Nation. He was a charter member of both Tabernacle and Mount Anthony Lodges, and of Temple Chapter No. 4, at Bennington.

While the preliminary steps for the formation of Mount Anthony Lodge were being taken, it was suggested that the Lodge be named after Mr. Tichenor. A committee waited upon him to procure his consent. After the committee had made their request, Mr. Tichenor went to the window, and pointing to the mountain said: "Gentlemen, name the Lodge after that mountain, it will exist after I am gone." The Committee were at once pleased with the idea, and returning to their associates, they made their report; thus Mount Anthony Lodge No. 60, (now No. 13) owes her name to the good common sense of Isaac Ticehnor.

OZIAS FULLER.

Ozias Fuller, Grand High Priest in 1810–11–12, was a man of fine social qualities and was constable of Rutland in 1811–12–13–14–15.

JOHN CHIPMAN.

John Chipman, Grand High Priest in 1813–14–15, was born at Salisbury Connecticut, October 22, 1744.

In 1766, in company with fifteen other young men, he left Salisbury to become one of the pioneer settlers of the Lake Champlain Valley, in Vermont. These men travelled with ox-teams through the forest, taking their axes, farming utensils and provisions upon their ox-carts with them. There was not a house in Vermont north of Manchester. Chipman located in what is now the south part of the township of Middlebury; the other fifteen men pushed on to Vergennes. He cleared ten acres of land, returning in the Autumn to Salisbury, Connecticut. Two or three years later he married Miss Douglass, who died shortly after, leaving him a daughter. On the 17th of November, 1772, he married Sarah Washburn, and in the spring of 1773 returned to Middlebury, and took up his permanent residence there, where he remained an honored and respected citizen until his death, which occurred August 28, 1829. He was aid to Vermont's first Governor, Thomas Chittenden, and was Sheriff of Addison County from 1789 to 1801, twelve years. He was cautious, hospitable, kind-hearted, affable, uniformly cheerful, of delicate feeling, good breeding and culture, inexorably just and inflexibly honest. He was fitted to command the esteem and regard of his associates, which he always possessed.

In 1775, after the battle of Lexington, he shouldered his trusty musket and joined Ethan Allen in the famous capture of Fort Ticon-

deroga. He was a Second Lieutenant in Capt. Grant's company, Col. Seth Warner's regiment, and accompanied it to Canada and participated in the capture of Montreal and St. Johns. In the spring of 1776 he was appointed First Lieutenant in Capt. Smith's company, Col. Seth Warner's regiment, and joined the army at Fort Ticonderoga, in March, 1777. He was with the army in its retreat and in the Battle of Hubbardton, so gallantly contested against a superior British force. He was at the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, and at Saratoga at Burgoyne's surrender. His command was ordered to Fort Edward and Fort George in 1778 and 1779. He was promoted to a captaincy, and served until October, 1780, when he was taken prisoner at Fort George, and remained a captive until the Summer of 1781, when he was exchanged. This closed his active connection with the Revolutionary war.

Companion CHIPMAN was initiated in Union Lodge, at Albany, prior to October, 1779. He received the degree of Fellow Craft and Master Mason in Masters' Lodge, at Albany, October 19, 1779. He was a charter member of Dorchester Lodge at Vergennes, and Union Lodge at Middlebury. At the organization of the Grand Lodge, in 1794, he was elected Grand Senior Warden, and was re-elected in 1795 and 1796. In 1797 he was chosen Grand Master, and served, by successive elections, eighteen years.

In 1808 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and re-elected in 1809–10–11–12. In 1813 he was elected Grand High Priest, and was re-elected in 1814–15, being succeeded by CHARLES K. WILLIAMS in 1816.

The Grand Lodge, at its communication held October 6, 1829, passed resolutions paying the highest tribute to the character and memory of the late Grand Master, recently deceased.

CHARLES K. WILLIAMS.

"CHARLES KILBORN WILLIAMS, the eighteenth Governor of Vermont, was born at Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, on the 24th day of January, 1782. He was the youngest son of that eminent philosopher and historian, Rev. Samuel Williams, L.L.D., by Jane, daughter of Eliphalet Kilborn. His grand-father was Rev. Warham W., of Waltham, who was the son of Rev. John Williams, of Deerfield (so widely known as the redeemed captive), by Eunice, daughter of Rev. Eleazer Mather, and grand-daughter of Rev. John Warham.

He came to Vermont with his father, in 1790, and continued to reside in Rutland from that time till his death. After graduating at Williams in 1800, he commenced the study of law with Cephas Smith, Jr., Esq., of Rutland, then Clerk of the United States Courts for the District of Vermont. Having completed his studies under the direction of Mr. Smith, he was admitted to the bar in Rutland County, in March, 1803.

He was appointed Tutor in Williams College, Massachusetts, in 1802, and about the same time received a similar appointment from Middlebury College, both of which he declined.

He represented the town of Rutland in the General Assembly of Vermont for the years 1809–11–14–15–20–21 and again in 1849, after his retirement from the Bench, by the general concurrence of all political parties in town.

He was State's Attorney for the County of Rutland in 1814 and 1815, and, as such, in behalf of the State conducted the prosecution against *James Anthony*, for the murder of *Joseph Green*, on the night of the 15th of February, 1814.

He was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont in 1822–23 and '24 and held the office for the two former years, but declined the last election. He was appointed Collector of Customs for the District of Vermont in 1825, and held that office until October, 1829, when he resigned, being again elected one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Vermont. To this office he received seventeen successive annual elections, usually receiving an unanimous vote; and during the last thirteen years he held the position of Chief Justice, a longer term than any other has held that office in this State. He retired from the Bench in 1846, having peremptorily declined a re-election.

In the spring of 1848, he was *unanimously* elected a member of the Council of Censors, and, upon the assembling of that body, was, in like manner, elected its President. 'This election,' says Chief Justice Redfield, "is the more noticeable, as, at the time, the State was divided into three political parties, and his name was placed at the head of all the tickets, each of which, in other respects, contained different names from both the others, and his twelve associates were not elected by even a majority, so evenly were the parties divided, but only by a plurality vote.'

In 1850 and 1851, he was elected Governor of the State of Vermont, by a majority of the popular vote."

During his administration a general banking law was passed, and

also a law providing for the incorporation of manufacturing companies, without a resort to the Legislature.

"It was," says an able writer in the *New York Times*, "during his administration that the Legislature of that State passed the celebrated Habeas Corpus Act, which has been so much more generally denounced than understood. But this act is still among the Statute Laws of the State, and future ages will do justice to the spirit of the people who passed and sustained it. Governor Williams made it the subject of an elaborate vindication in his last annual Message."

In his annual message to the Legislature in 1851, he announced that "at the expiration of the political year, which has just commenced, my official relations to the Legislature and the people will cease, nor shall I again be a candidate for the office to which I have been elected."

He was in 1827 appointed one of the State Commissioners for Common Schools, a board appointed to select and recommend suitable text-books, for the use of common schools, and to have a general supervision over the educational affairs of the State.

He was member of the Corporation of Middlebury College from 1825 to 1843, and was honorary Vice-President and member of several learned, scientific and historical societies, and at the time of his death was President of the Society of the Alumni of Williams College.

He received the degree of *Master of Arts* from Middlebury and Williams Colleges in 1803, and that of *Doctor of Laws* from the former College in 1834.

Governor Williams died very suddenly at his residence in Rutland, March 9th, 1853, in the 71st year of his age. Appropriate notice was taken of his death by the Supreme Court of Vermont, then in session, and by the Bars of Rutland, Bennington, Windsor and Washington Counties.

It is proper for us to state that the above article is one of a series of sketches written by Chauncy K. Williams and Henry Hall and published in the Rutland Herald, about 1867.

Mr. Williams first appeared as an officer of the Grand Chapter of Vermont in 1812, as Grand Scribe. In 1813 and 1814, he was Deputy Grand High Priest. In 1816 he was elected Grand High Priest, which office he held for two years. It is impossible to state when he was made a Mason, owing to the loss of the Rutland records by fire, some years since. He was Exalted in Green Mountain Chapter No. 1, at Rutland, July. 11, 1810.

JOHN H. COTTON.

John Hulbert Cotton, son of Elihu Cotton, a sea captain, and Rebecca Hulbert, his second wife, was born at Middletown, Conn., 20 Aug., 1778. In his early manhood, probably about the time he attained his majority, he settled in Savannah, Ga., where he engaged in the mercantile business. Remaining there but a few years, he disposed of his business, returned to Connecticut, and married 30 May, 1802, Maria Haven, of Shelter Island, by whom he had five children. He at once settled at Catskill, N. Y., where he again engaged in the mercantile business. Remaining in Catskill about four years, thence he removed to Kortright, Delaware County, N. Y., and from thence to Bradford, Vt. The date of his settlement in Bradford was about 1808. From this date we commence to note his history. His experience as a business man, his superior clerical abilities, his dignified deportment, together with the polish and general intelligence attained by travel, at once created a very favorable impression with the good people of Bradford.

His first election to office in Vermont was that of Justice of the Peace in 1811 and 1812. From this date down nearly to the close of his life, a period of almost forty years, he served his town, county and State with credit and ability. In 1812, he was elected Assistant Judge of Orange County Court, where he served his county until 1819, when he resigned upon being elected Superintendent of the State Prison. He represented his town in the General Assembly from 1814 to 1818 inclusive; and was Town Clerk of Bradford four years ending 1821. He was a Councillor in 1818 and 1819. In the opinion of the writer the highest compliment that can be paid to his integrity, is a statement of the most remarkable event that occurred in Vermont during anti-masonic times. In March, 1826, one Joseph Burnham, a Freemason, of Pomfret, Vt., committed a crime for which he was tried at the June term of Orange County Court before Titus Hutchinson, convicted and sentenced to ten years' hard labor in the State Prison, and pay the sum of one thousand dollars. The fifteenth of October, 1826, Burnham died. At the session of the General Assembly of Vermont, held in October, 1829, a petition signed by Nahum Swallow and 97 others was presented, stating that the death and burial of Burnham was a sham and a cheat; that Burnham was alive and had been seen in New York city by those who knew him well before his conviction, concluding with a prayer that a committee of investigation be appointed. To help the matter along there was placed upon the desks of the members, one morning, a newspaper, in

which it was stated that the death and burial of Joe Burnham was a Masonic plot to cheat justice. Hon. Harvey Munsill, of Bristol, who was a member, told the late Judge Bottum, of Orwell, who informed the writer, that he never before had seen men so infuriated. A perfect tumult raged for some time. The fact that John H. Cotton, a distinguished Freemason, was Superintendent at the time this event occurred, helped the statement amazingly. The story with all its details is too long to insert in this sketch. It must suffice to give the outlines. After much discussion, a committee was appointed by joint ballot to investigate the matter. The committee heard testimony, examined papers and one of them went to New York city to see the man who had seen Joe Burnham. When found and asked to produce the convict he appeared confounded. Finally the committee offered him five hundred dollars' reward if he would deliver Joe Burnham in Vermont, with a pledge on the part of the committee that Burnham should be pardoned. After some delay the supposed Burnham was found, but it was not Joe Burnham. Then the man who had caused all this trouble acknowledged that it *was not* Joe Burnham, but looked like him. The committee returned, made a faithful report, and concluded by saying that from the evidence they did not hesitate to say that Joseph Burnham died October 15, 1826. Thus ended this diabolical plot to ruin the reputation of an honest man, and further the interests of his enemies. John H. Cotton was not removed from the honorable position of Superintendent of the State Prison, but continued for years after to fill it with credit. His first wife died November 24, 1814, leaving five children, the eldest but eleven years of age. The seventh of May, 1815, he married Mrs. Anna (Huggins) Swift, of Piermont, N. H., widow of Joseph Swift, by whom he had five children. We would like to notice his family more extensively, but the limits of this sketch will not admit.

When and where he was made a Mason we are unable to say at present. January 6, 1813, a Mark Master's Lodge was chartered at Bradford. He was its first R. W. Master, and in fact its only Master, holding that office during the entire existence of the Lodge. In 1815, he procured the charter for Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 7, at Bradford. He was the first High Priest, from its organization to 1820, inclusive, when, having been the year before (1819) elected Superintendent of the State Prison, he was compelled to decline further office. About 1821, he removed to Windsor where he resided the remainder of his life. He was High Priest of Windsor Chapter, and Master of Vermont Lodge in 1824. He never held any office in Grand Lodge. His whole attention

seems to have been given to the higher degrees. At the organization of the Grand Commandery of Vermont in 1824, he was elected its first Grand Commander. In 1825, he was re-elected. In 1826-27-28, he served as Deputy Grand Commander. From 1818 to 1821, and in 1825 and 1826, he was Grand High Priest. He was intimately acquainted with Jeremy L. Cross and Thomas Smith Webb, more particularly the first. He was proxy for Cross in establishing the early Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Vermont. In 1819 and 1826, he was a delegate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In 1829, he was a delegate to the Grand Encampment of the United States. Thus in as brief a manner as possible we have noted his Masonic history. John H. Cotton was a Christian gentleman; always attended church, always bore his share of the burdens of the church; was just the man when others were down-hearted, to cheer them up with brave, manly words. And when, during the anti-masonic period, churches and society in general rocked and tumbled with the storm, it was John H. Cotton, Rev. Leland Howard and a few others, who saved their churches by resolving to "hold their tongues and say nothing." Tall, sparely formed, with a fine, intelligent face, he always attracted attention, when, dressed in the old-fashioned blue coat and brass buttons, he walked down the street, or mingled in the social gatherings. He was a fine penman, and a thorough business man. From the day he left his father's house in Connecticut he was a busy man, always doing something; always in office. During the latter part of his life he was incapacitated from active labor by disease. John H. Cotton has been dead many years, but there are those living who recollect him as a thorough gentleman, a faithful servant of the people, a devoted Mason, and a tender-hearted father. He died at Windsor, May 1, 1850.

HON. LEMUEL WHITNEY,

OF BRATTLEBORO, VT.

He was born at Peterboro, Mass., in 1765. He removed to Newfane, Vt, in 1785, then a young man but little over twenty years of age. From Newfane he removed to Brattleboro, in 1787, and settled in what is now known as the village of Brattleboro, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred April 4, 1847, at the age of eighty-two years. He was three times married, and of these marriages five children were born unto them, viz.: Harry, Susan, Samuel, George and Lemuel. He was sheriff of the county two years; Clerk of the county court from 1804 to 1820, inclusive, and of the County and Supreme Court

from 1821 to 1824, inclusive; Register of Probate, 1804-5; Judge of Probate from 1817 to 1828, inclusive; represented the town of Brattleboro in the Legislature, 1803-4-5-6-7-27-31-32-34 and '36; Justice of the Peace from early manhood until his death.

He became connected with Masonry at an early day, but the exact time when he joined the Lodge wherein he received his degrees we cannot now ascertain. He was Advanced in Mt. Moriah (afterwards Queen of Sheba) Mark Lodge No. 9, at Newfane in 1813. He ever held the institution of Masonry in great reverence, and was a prominent and honored member thereof. He was a charter member of Columbian Lodge, No. 34 of Brattleboro, Vt., which was chartered by the Grand Lodge in 1812. He was its first Master, and continued in that office till 1815, and was again elected in 1818. He was a charter member of the Brattleboro Council of R. and S. M., which was chartered Feb. 6, 1818, and was its T. I. G. M. He was Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1812-13; Deputy Grand Master in 1814; Grand Senior Warden in 1815-16-17; Grand Master in 1818-19-20; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1817; Grand King in 1819-20-21; Grand High Priest in 1822-23-24. The masonic robes and jewels which he wore never invested a nobler man or covered a better heart. It mattered not to him what the position he occupied—civil or Masonic—whether high or low, he honored it, and thereby made it honor him: ever acting on the maxim, "Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

In stature he was tall and powerfully built, having a keen blue eye and a florid complexion. He was firm and unyielding in his nature, frank and fearless in the utterance of his opinions on all occasions, and upon all subjects; he was prompt and energetic, and met his engagements and performed his duties with strict fidelity; he was possessed of a memory remarkable for its retentiveness, was a ready speaker, and his speech was marked by its strong language and the positive and emphatic manner of expression and delivery; he was most scrupulously neat in his personal appearance, and was thoroughly patriotic—he loved his country and was obedient to its laws. He was a man of excellent judgment, and his counsel and advice were always sought by his townsmen on all local questions, in which he continued to take a deep interest until his death. He "fought the good fight," and died full of years, deeply lamented by all his townspeople and a large circle of personal friends and acquaintances.

JOEL CLAPP.

Rev. Joel Clapp was born in Montgomery, Vermont, September 14, 1793. He was the son of Joshua and Nabby (Barnard) Clapp, who came from Massachusetts to Montgomery in March, 1783. Joel Clapp was educated at Burlington, pursuing the same branches as were taught in the University, but was never a member thereof.

He studied law with the late Gov. Stephen Royce, of Berkshire, and commenced its practice, but not finding it congenial, he abandoned it, and fitted himself for the ministry, and became an active, earnest and honored worker in the service of the Episcopal Church.

He married the daughter of Mr. Peckham, of Sheldon, about 1816, and was soon after ordained, and commenced preaching in Montgomery and East Berkshire. He moved from there to Shelburne, and became the Rector of Trinity Church at that place, where he remained for a considerable period. Besides his parish duties at Shelburne, he performed missionary work at Woodstock, Bethel, Enosburgh, Berkshire and Montgomery, travelling on horseback to his northern stations once in two months.

His wife died at Woodstock, March 20, 1845, and he afterward married Miss Hubard, of Claremont, N. H., who still survives him.

During the latter part of Comp. Clapp's life he had charge of a parish in the Highlands, on the Hudson River, about forty miles above New York ; but he closed his ministerial labors where he began them, at Montgomery and Berkshire. He died at Claremont, N. H., Feb. 24, 1861, whither he had gone to attend the sick bed of his wife's father and mother. He was buried at Woodstock, by the side of his first wife.

His Masonic history we cannot give as fully as we would wish. He received the Chapter degrees at St. Albans, in 1816, and, while living in Shelburne, was High Priest of the Chapter at Burlington. In 1825 and 1826 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest, and in 1827-28-29, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont. In 1824 he was Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery.

The records of his Church, as well as the Masonic bodies to which he belonged, evince that his life was active, honorable, and useful to his fellow men.

SILAS BOWEN, M. D.

Companion Silas Bowen, M. D., was born at Woodstock, Conn., Sept. 6, 1774, and was the son of Dea. Henry and Lydia (Fowler) Bowen. His father's family were of Welsh origin, his immediate

ancestors having settled in the colony of Plymouth prior to 1630, and being believers in the faith of that Puritanic band whose rigorous life and stern principles have left an ineffaceable imprint upon the character of New England.

Dr. Bowen was one of a family of twelve children, and his father, not being wealthy, could give him but few advantages to acquire an education. But with that earnest purpose derived from his ancestors, he determined to build for himself a character and reputation which should render his life useful among men. At the age of sixteen, with the gift of ten dollars from his father—the only gift of this kind he ever received—he set out to meet the fortunes of life. He first tarried at Schodack, N. Y., and engaged himself in the triple capacity of student, clerk and school-teacher. He taught the village school, he posted books for the village merchant, and he studied mathematics and the languages before daybreak for a morning recitation to the village pastor. The enthusiasm and the high resolve which then controlled him in his pursuit of knowledge, ensured his future success. He soon formed the acquaintance of Dr. Ballantyne, of Schodack, and, after preparing for College, commenced the study of his profession in Dr. Ballantyne's office. In three years, with further instructions from a surgeon in the British army, he had mastered his studies sufficiently to commence the practice of medicine, and in 1799 settled in Reading, Vt., where for twenty-three years he had a large and successful business in his chosen calling. In 1822 he removed to Clarendon, where he resided until his death. Although his fees were moderate, his books disclosed charges amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

In 1803, Dr. Bowen married Miss Polly Chandler, of Reading, by whom he had eight children. In 1816 he united with the Congregational Church, always remaining a faithful and consistent member during the remainder of his life.

He became a member of the Order of Free Masons, joining Vermont Lodge, No. 1, at Windsor. He first appeared in the Grand Lodge in 1815 as the Junior Warden of that Lodge. He was a charter member of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 44, at Reading, and was its first Master. In 1829 he was Master of Social Lodge, No. 51, at Clarendon. In 1820 and 1821 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, and in 1822 Grand Senior Warden. When the Grand Commandery was organized in 1824, Dr. Bowen was elected its first Deputy Grand Commander, re-elected in 1825, and in 1826, 1827, 1828 and 1829 was elected Grand Commander.

In 1817, when Gov. CHARLES K. WILLIAMS was Grand High Priest, Dr. BOWEN was elected Deputy Grand High Priest. He then retired from office in the Grand Chapter until 1830, when he was elected Grand High Priest. This was at a time when the Anti-Masonic furor was at its height, and politicians, in their protracted efforts, were striving to destroy the Masonic Institution. But amidst all this tide of obloquy Dr. Bowen was its devoted champion, although its championship crowned him with thorns for a season; yet now his fidelity and his earnest adherence to the right have earned him unfading honor. Dr. Bowen died at Kearney City, Nebraska, Sept. 16, 1857, whither he had gone to visit his children, at the age of eighty-three years. His remains were returned to Clarendon for interment, and he was buried with the impressive rites of the Order he loved so well, with his brethren about his grave, May 20, 1858, Col. William T. Nichols, of Rutland, pronouncing an eloquent funeral discourse, which was published by order of the Fraternity.

NATHAN BALDWIN HASWELL.

NATHAN B. HASWELL was born at Bennington, Vermont, January 10, 1786. He was a son of Anthony Haswell, who was born at Portsmouth, England, in 1756, of a family that had not a few honorable representatives in the Navy of Great Britain. Anthony Haswell, not desiring a life in the navy, came to America at the age of fourteen years, landing at Philadelphia. He served for a time in the patriot service, and was at the Battle of Monmmoth. He afterwards learned the art of printing of Isaiah Thomas, at Worcester, Mass., and succeeded to the management of his business; and while there married Miss Lydia Baldwin, daughter of Judge Nathan Baldwin. He afterwards lived at Hartford, Conuecticut, and Springfield, Mass., and in 1783, came to Bennington, Vt., and with David Russell issued the "Vermont Gazette," the first newspaper of Vermont. Prior to the admission of Vermont he was appointed "Postmaster-General of the Republic of Vermont." Being an ardent Democrat, he was arrested and imprisoned under the "Alien and Sedition Law," for his utterances in the press.

NATHAN B. HASWELL was born in stirring times. He fitted himself to enter tne University of Vermont, at Burlington and went there for that purpose. His own ill-health and his father's misfortunes prevented his carrying his intention into effect.

He accepted a clerkship in the Uuited States Custom House, under his friend, Mr. Russell, and in 1810 married a niece of Mrs. Russel,

Miss Harriet Plimpton, a daughter of Oliver Plimpton, of Southbridge, Mass.

In 1814 he embarked in business in company with John H. Peaslee, and, after a season of prosperity, through an indiscretion of Mr. Peaslee in Mr. Haswell's absence, his property was swept away by an unfortunate venture, and Mr. Haswell thrown into a debtor's jail by the creditors of the firm. He was released through the generous aid of Mr. Southard, of Montreal, and afterward paid in full every dollar of the debt of the firm.

In 1821 he was appointed Clerk of the Courts in Chittenden County, holding the office until 1837. In 1835 and 1836 he represented Burlington in the General Assembly of Vermont.

Interesting himself to secure the improvement of Burlington harbor under President Jackson's administration, he succeeded in obtaining appropriations for that purpose, and was appointed inspector of government work on Lake Champlain, holding the position many years, and the fine breakwaters at Burlington and Plattsburgh, N. Y., were commenced under his superintendence.

He was treasurer of the town of Burlington from 1829 to 1840, and held many other town offices, always discharging his duties so as to merit the fullest confidence of the public.

For over forty years Companion Haswell was an honored and active member of the Masonic Fraternity. To recount all his acts in connection with the Order would fill a sturdy volume. All through the Anti-Masonic excitement and bitter persecution he was the one man who, more than any other, was the leader in attempting to stay the storm which threatened to destroy the fire upon our Masonic altars. Calm, impassionate and eloquent were his words and deeds. They did not prevent the wicked political whirlwind from doing its work; but he bided his time, and seized the first favorable moment after the fury of the storm had spent its force to light again those sacred fires and to build up again the Institution he loved so well.

For a fuller sketch of his Masonic history we refer the reader to the address of Grand High Priest Philip C. Tucker, to the Grand Chapter, in 1855.

Companion Haswell was elected Grand High Priest in 1831-32-33-34, when the labors of the Grand Chapter were suspended until 1849 In 1849 he was again elected, and re-elected in 1850-51, when he voluntarily retired and was succeeded by Philip C. Tucker.

In the Grand Lodge he was Grand Senior Deacon in 1823, Grand Junior Warden in 1824–25, Grand Senior Warden in 1826, Deputy Grand Master in 1827–28, and Grand Master from 1829 to 1846, inclusive. He was the first Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Vermont, elected in 1854, and died while holding this office.

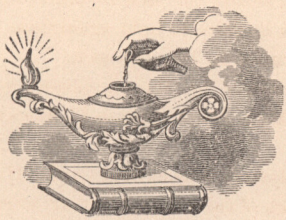
He took his first degree in 1807, in the first year of his majority. He speedily passed through the other degrees, being exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1808, taking the Council degrees in 1819, the Templar degrees some years afterward, and, in 1851, the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and was admitted a member of the Supreme Council of the 33°.

He served as Master of the Lodge, and High Priest of the Chapter at Burlington many years.

He was active in procuring the re-establishment of the Grand Commandery of Vermont (then Grand Encampment), in 1852, and was elected its Grand Treasurer, and remained such until his death.

He represented Vermont in the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment of the United States many times, with honor to himself and to Vermont, and was Grand Marshal of the General Grand Chapter for many years.

On all these occasions, and in every station, he honored Masonry as Masonry honored him.

Companion Haswell died at Quincy, Illinois, June 6, 1855, where he had gone on a visit. His remains were buried with Masonic honors at Burlington, St. John's day, June 24, the Grand Lodge of Vermont doing the honors of the occasion.

Thus passed away the good man and the true, who long had wrought so nobly and so well.